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MUST EXPECT FIGHTING IN CRETE TO INCREASE IN SEVERITY: MR. CHURCHILL DESCRIBES THE METHOD OF ATTACK: QUERY ON UNIFORMS

"AT 9 P.M. ON TUESDAY THE SITUATION WAS REPORTED TO BE IN HAND BUT FIGHTING IS CONTINUING AND WE MUST EXPECT IT TO INCREASE IN SEVERITY," declared the PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, yesterday when he gave the HOUSE OF COMMONS the latest information on the situation in CRETE, states a Reuter message.

Speaking in London yesterday, MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, said that at Crete one of the greatest battles of the war was being fought.

"WE ARE SHOWING IN CRETE," said the First Lord, "THAT WHEN THE BRITISH SOLDIER MEETS THE GERMAN ON EQUAL GROUND THERE IS NO DOUBT ON WHICH MAN TO PUT YOUR MONEY—IT IS THE ENGLISHMAN."

In his statement in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister said that in Suda Bay further air-borne attacks began at 4.40 p.m. on Tuesday.

ABOUT THREE THOUSAND MEN WERE DROPPED AND BY 6.30 P.M. THE GREATER PART WERE ACCOUNTED FOR.

TREMENDOUS LOT HANGS ON OUTCOME

"A tremendous lot hangs on the outcome. A German defeat here and the consequent blow to their prestige would be of immense value to us," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B. C. C. commentator, when he broadcast from London last night on the situation in Crete.

Maj. Murray said that the landing of parachute and air-borne troops showed how desperate the Germans were to occupy Crete in as short a time as possible.

"We certainly do not seem to have been taken by surprise," added Maj. Murray. "The attack was launched sooner than we had expected. A large concentration of the Luftwaffe had been spotted in southern Greece and had been bombed by our aircraft, night after night."

The concentration was apparent on too big a scale to be broken up by our bombers.

The Germans had recently announced that the new phase of the war in the Eastern Mediterranean would be fought in the air.

MEN TO SACRIFICE

The Germans, said Maj. Murray, seemed to have abundant men and planes to sacrifice and even if they

did succeed in occupying the whole of the island could they maintain themselves there?

Maj. Murray expressed the opinion that they could not hope to reinforce or keep going their aerial advance guard.

They may use the ships which they had taken in Greek harbours but the Germans would have to reckon with the British Navy. It looked rather as if one or two German transports had got through.

"The news of the last few hours," added Maj. Murray, "shows that the attack yesterday morning was only a preliminary as was to be expected." The fate of the parachutists, disguised in New Zealand battle dress, is in the hands of our Commander on the spot.

The method of attack, the Premier disclosed, was by dive-bombing Stukas and Messerschmitts, followed by gliders and parachutes. In Herakleion and Retimo areas the attack began at 5.30 p.m. by parachutists. Troop-carrying aircraft, many of which crashed, were also landed.

In reply to a question of whether Germans, DESCENDING IN BRITISH UNIFORMS, would be dealt with according to international law, Mr. Churchill confirmed that NEW ZEALAND UNIFORMS WERE WORN but he had not sufficient information of the exact circumstances and left a certain amount of discretion to those on the spot.

Apart from landings made by the air-borne troops, it is stated in authoritative circles, THERE ARE REPORTS THAT ATTEMPTS WERE ALSO MADE AT NAVAL LANDINGS FROM BOATS.

German troops continued to land from troop-carriers and gliders until dusk on Tuesday and it is expected that they would attempt to make further landings today.

The situation is stated to be in hand which means there is no lack of control over any large area of the island although parachute troops may be fighting in groups at various points.

There is no evidence of any tanks having been brought over by troop-carriers.

With regard to the report that some parachutists were wearing the New Zealand battle dress, it is pointed out that the Germans issued an official denial in which it was stated that the uniform worn by their troops were tropical dress for the German parachutists.

The New Zealand battle dress is almost identical to that worn by the British troops but they bear the words "New Zealand" on the shoulders.

The statement that the situation is in hand does not mean that every parachutist and air-borne soldier has been mopped up.

There is every reason to believe that some of the air-borne troops have been captured alive.

With regard to the alleged cases of Germans wearing New Zealand uniforms it is stated on good authority in London that the local Commander of the British Army has full discretionary powers in dealing with the enemy troops caught in uniforms belonging to the opposing side.

Germans caught in New Zealand uniform in Crete would, in all probability, be tried by the local court and sentenced, if found guilty.

It is not considered likely that the British Commander would exercise his right to have them shot out of hand.

GERMAN SILENCE

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Today's German High Command communiqué preserves a silence on the German air-borne attack on Crete.

It mentions attacks by German bombers on aerodromes on Malta and states that in North Africa "German bombers successfully raided the British motorised columns at Sollum and Sidi Barrani."

LABOUR MEMORANDA ON WAR, PEACE: NO INTEREST MUST STAND IN WAY OF UNHAMPERED USE OF NATIONAL RESOURCES

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Insistence that "THE NECESSARY PRELUDE TO A JUST PEACE IS A TOTAL VICTORY," Labour's determination to fight until Nazism and Fascism are overthrown and a demand that the principle of equity must underlie Britain's war effort and peace effort, are voiced in two memoranda drawn up by the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party.

These memoranda will be submitted to the 40th annual conference of the Party to be held in London in June.

One deals with "the war," and the other with "the peace."

The first declares that no interest, however powerful, must stand in the way of the unhampered use of the national resources.

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"With an undivided will, the nation stands ready for the grim test of endurance that the summer months are likely to bring."

"The first concern of every citizen is the concentration of the entire common effort and the unhampered use of all national resources to the great end of complete victory."

The peace memorandum says when the war is over, we must recognise that the world is one economic unit and that unemployment, slumps and poverty are international problems.

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AUSTRALIAN LABOUR STAND

SYDNEY, May 21 (Reuter).—If the Labour Party win the key Boothby bye-election on Saturday, it will take a stand that the Government has forfeited the confidence of the country.

This was made clear by the Labour leader, Mr. J. Curtin, speaking on behalf of the Labour candidate, Mr. Lawton, at Adelaide.

If Labour failed to win the seat, however, it would not make any move for the National Government, Mr. Curtin added.

The Boothby result would not have any upsetting effect on the prosecution of the war but would determine whether Australia's national effort should be administered by the present Government or by Labour.

Labour's case was that it could do better.

Dr. Grenfell Price is the Government candidate for the seat.

Hess Should Be Removed To Cell In The Tower

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—A newspaper in India stated that there can be no peace with the Nazis and suggested that HERR HESS should be removed from the roomy hospital, where he is at present staying, TO A CELL IN THE TOWER OF LONDON.

SECRET SESSION

Mr. Churchill was asked in the House of Commons today, whether, when the House goes into secret session, the members would hear the correspondence which had passed between Herr Hess and the Duke of Hamilton.

The Prime Minister replied that he did not think the matter was relevant to the issue to be discussed and added that a statement would soon be made to relieve any anxiety about that correspondence.

What Would Be Danger To Turkey

ANKARA, May 21 (Reuter).—Turkey must prevent, at whatever cost, the Germans from installing themselves in Syria and Iraq.

This categorical view was expressed by the influential Deputy, M. Yalcin, writing in the newspaper YENISABAH.

"We must maintain contact with our British allies and keep an open road to the outside world."

"If Germany installs troops in Syria, the danger for Turkey would be mortal and we would be forced to intervene."

Praise For Courage And Determination Of U.S. Businessmen

SHANGHAI, May 21 (Reuter).—PRAISE FOR THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION WITH WHICH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN IN SHANGHAI ARE CARRYING ON DESPITE DIFFICULTIES, is expressed in four messages from high officials received by the American Chamber of Commerce here and read during the annual Chinese-American Trade Bazaar today, which was attended by leading local Chinese and American businessmen.

Among the senders of messages were the newly-appointed Ambassador, Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, and Mr. Jesse Jones, United States Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. Gauss promised "all proper support to American interests in Shanghai and elsewhere in China in the furtherance of Chinese-American trade."

OUTLOOK WORSE

In the course of the opening speech, Mr. A. B. Calder, Assistant American Commercial Attaché in Shanghai, said: "The present conditions are bad and the outlook worse. I have considerably more hope for the distant future than for the immediate future."

Referring to the diminishing American supplies, Mr. Calder explained that these had been cut down by America's colossal defence construction programme and fore-shadowed great hardships among local factories using steel, because the United States Government's requirements must be met first.

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Ammunition Dump Blown Up To West Of Sollum

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Empire forces in Abyssinia are in touch with the Italians 45 miles to the north of Soddu, according to the latest information reaching London today.

In Southern Abyssinia, bad roads and bad weather are delaying the pursuit of the enemy.

The surrender of the Duke of Aosta and the Italian garrison at Amba Alagi is proceeding. About 19,000 prisoners have been taken. To the west of Sollum in North Africa, British artillery blew up a large enemy ammunition dump on Monday.

This is an important achievement, as the enemy will have to transport further supplies across the desert.

Deciding America's Fate

TOKYO, May 21 (Reuter).—"The movement of United States public opinion during the next few days is definitely important in deciding America's fate," declares the YOMIURI SHIMBUN in a leading editorial discussing President Roosevelt's policy to work up support for the participation in the war.

The paper believes President Roosevelt and the War Cabinet might possibly favour the seizing of French possessions in the Western Atlantic and Dakar "which will be tantamount to plunging into war whether declaration of war is made or not."

The paper asserts though armed convoys lead to war, "President Roosevelt is prepared to go that far."

Today's News Summary

LATEST INFORMATION on the situation in Crete, which is reported to be in hand, was given in the House of Commons yesterday by the Prime Minister who stated that we must expect the fighting to increase in severity. A greater part of the 3,000 Germans who had landed by parachute has been accounted for. Mr. Churchill also described the method of attack.

THE LABOUR PARTY has prepared two memoranda on war and peace for their annual conference to be held next month.

AN ENEMY AMMUNITION dump, west of Sollum, has been blown up by British forces and this is regarded as an important achievement.

AT AN INVESTITURE at Buckingham Palace, H.M. the King decorated a man with the first George Cross.

THE COURAGE AND determination with which American businessmen are carrying on in Shanghai has been praised.

IT IS REVEALED THAT with the surrender of Amba Alagi, 19,000 prisoners were taken.

Address Of Loyalty To British Government

FESHAWAR, May 21 (Reuter).—A fully representative Jirga (tribal conference) has presented an address to the Governor of the North-west Frontier Province, expressing loyalty to the British Government and condemning Rashid Ali's intrigues with the Germans endangering the safety of the Muslim countries like Turkey, Syria and Egypt. It reaffirmed the identity of the interests of Islam and the British Government and assured that the Jirga would do nothing to embarrass the Government when it was engaged in a life and death struggle with the forces of Nazism and Fascism.

The Governor, replying, stressed the sympathy of the British Government for the Muslim countries, and advised the Jirga not to be misled by false propaganda from enemy sources.

APPEAL TO GANDHI

KARACHI, May 21 (Reuter).—The Home Minister of Sind, Sir Rahimulla, appealed to the Indian leaders, particularly Mr. Gandhi, Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Sapru, to realise the gravity and danger threatening India and to join hands in pushing forward the country's efforts towards winning the war.

First Recipient Of G.C.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—THOMAS ALDERSON, of Bridlington has received the first George Cross from King George at a Buckingham Palace investiture.

Three other winners of the George Cross, the new award for outstanding bravery created last year for deeds not rewardable by the Victoria Cross, were decorated by the King on the same occasion.

Shaking Alderson's hand, the King said: "You are the first recipient of the George Cross and it gives me great pleasure to hand it to you."

HULL REFUTES REPORTS

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Government has not warned the Government of Indo-China against aligning themselves with the Axis, said Mr. Cordell Hull, replying to a Japanese Press report. The Government has not taken the initiative of seeking an accord with Japan, added Mr. Hull, in refuting Russian reports.

Free French Forces Said Penetrated Into Syria

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—FREE FRENCH FORCES are believed to have penetrated into Syria, says a despatch from the Syrian frontier to the Independent French Agency.

IT IS BELIEVED, the dispatch continues, that signs of lively reaction among the French troops in Syria gives the Free French a reason to hope that they may meet with support.

IT IS NOT KNOWN what effectives the troops comprise or under what conditions they have entered Syria.

THE PRESENCE OF General Berget, Vichy Air Minister, may stiffen the resistance of the elements who continue to trust Vichy.

IT IS POSSIBLE, the dispatch adds, that General Dentz, Vichy High Commissioner for Syria, may be replaced and deprived of his command.

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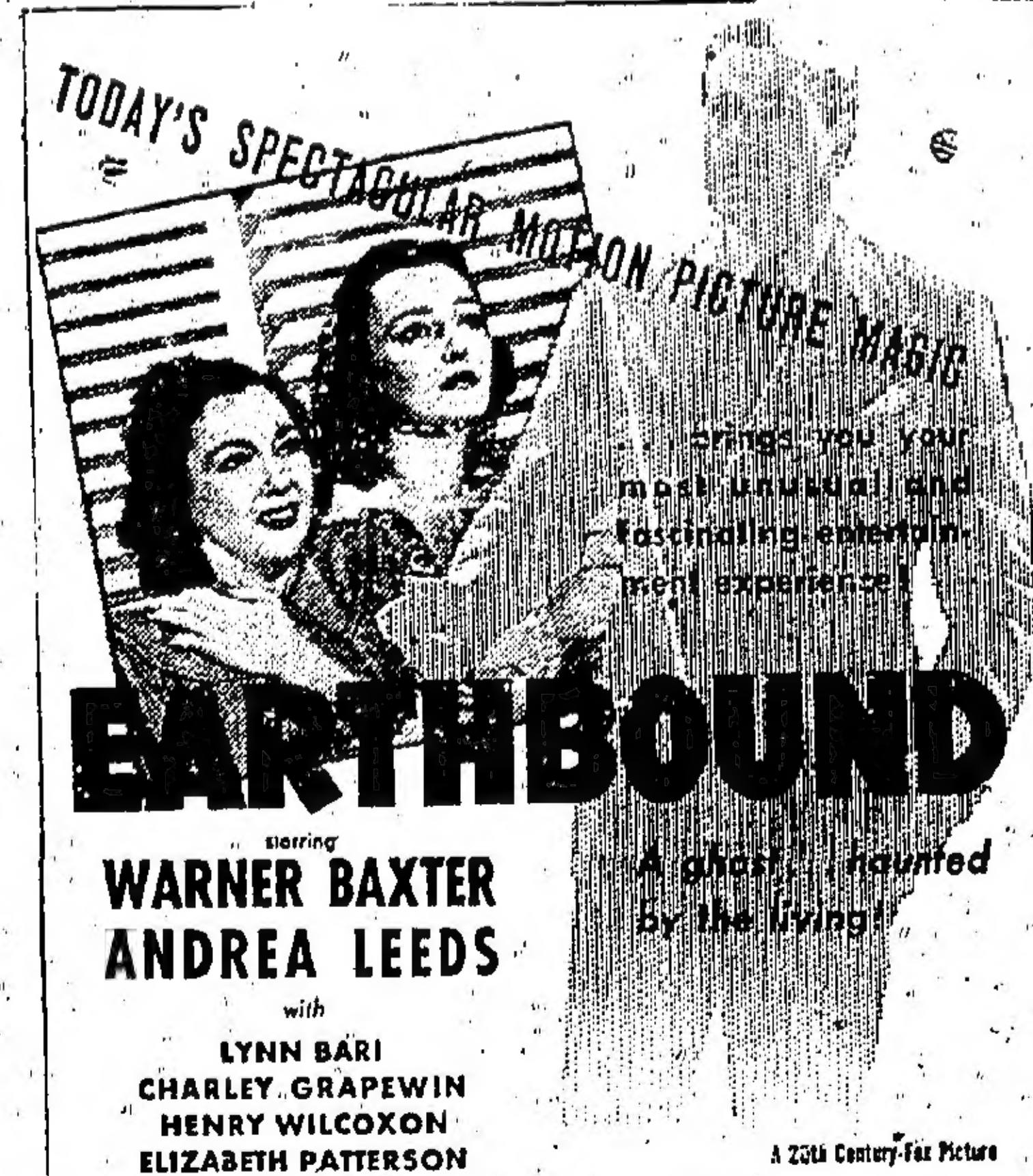
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22—Tides: High 7.27 a.m. and 7.57 p.m. Low: 12.23 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.
Entries Close for Sixth Extra Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, noon.
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Social Club, 8.45 p.m.
Special Mtg. of Volunteer Officers' Mess, St. John's Place, Hut No. 6, 6 p.m.
V's Men's Club Tiffin, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.
Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong, 23—Tides: High 7.52 a.m. and 8.33 p.m. Low: 12.57 a.m. and 2.09 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.40 a.m.; Sunset: 7 p.m.
British Foreign Bible Society Annual Meeting, Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.
La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, "How I Became An Old Boy," 8 p.m.
Christ Church Concert, St. Andrew's Hall, 8.45 p.m.
Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, A.R.P. Hqs. Happy Valley, 5.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.
St. Andrew's Fellowship "Get-Together" Evening, 8.45 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
24—Tides: High 8.14 a.m. and 9.18 p.m. Low: 1.37 a.m. and 2.47 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.40 a.m.; Sunset: 7 p.m.
Mandarin Oratorical Contest, St. Stephen's Girls' School.
H.K. Polo Club Gymkhana, Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon.
25—Tides: High 8.38 a.m. and 10.03 p.m. Low: 2.10 a.m. and 3.26 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.40 a.m.; Sunset: 7.01 p.m.
Laying of foundation stone of extension of Po Leung Kuk, 5.30 p.m. by Lady MacGregor.
26—Tides: High 8.57 a.m. and 10.42 p.m. Low: 2.43 a.m. and 4.05 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.40 a.m.; Sunset: 7.01 p.m.
Crown Land Sale, P.W.D. Office, 3 p.m.
27—Tides: High 9.24 a.m. and 11.21 p.m. Low: 3.14 a.m. and 4.44 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.40 a.m.; Sunset: 7.02 p.m.
La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture "Education Abroad," 8 p.m.
28—Tides: High 9.52 a.m. Low: 3.41 a.m. and 5.24 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.39 a.m.; Sunset: 7.02 p.m.
Concert in aid of Airplane Fund Campaign, Lee Theatre.
Annual Meeting of Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club, West Lounge, 6 p.m.
29—Tides: High 10.07 a.m. and 10.24 p.m. Low: 4.09 a.m. and 4.05 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.39 a.m.; Sunset: 7.02 p.m.
Half-yearly General Meeting of Voting Members of Jockey Club, Club House, Happy Valley, 5.30 p.m.
30—Tides: High 12.52 a.m. and 11.02 p.m. Low: 4.37 a.m. and 6.48 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.39 a.m.; Sunset: 7.03 p.m.
La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, "The Foundations of Civilization," 8 p.m.
31—Tides: High 1.37 a.m. and 11.41 p.m. Low: 5.08 a.m. and 7.33 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.39 a.m.; Sunset: 7.03 p.m.

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The famous old play which was called, among other things, "The Fallen Saved," bears the screen title, "The Villain Still Pursued Her" as screened by RKO Radio. It is slated for showing today at the King's Theatre.

The fundamentals of good drama which made the play the second most successful in the annals of American theatre, were there—had withstood the test of time. The task ahead was to see the entire story from the modern audience slant.

The selection of a stellar cast of comedy favourites aided in this aim. Hugh Herbert tops the list as Frederick Healy, reformer and philanthropist who helps save the hero, a slave to drink, from ignoble ruin. Anita Louise is the beautiful heroine, Alan Mowbray the deep-dyed villain who pursues her and Buster Keaton the friend who proves his nemesis. Joyce Compton plays Keaton's half-witted sister, Richard Cromwell is the ever-thirsty hero, Billy Gilbert the master of ceremonies who introduces the play to the audience, Margaret Hamilton the heroine's mother and Diane Fisher the darling daughter.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The New Zealand Premier, Mr. Fraser, reviewed New Zealand troops who returned from Greece. "I know you are all ready to perform a similar task if called upon," he told them.

Radio Programmes

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Beethoven Quartet

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Ambrose and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Whoocha Gotscha, Trombone For I'll Step Out of the Picture.

A Selection from Walt Disney's "Silly Symphonies" (arr. Munro); When Day is Done (De Sylva); Fox-Trot—Don't You Ever Cry; When I Dream of Home.

12.50 Turner Layton (Vocal).

Let the Curtain Come Down (Newman); My Capri Serenade (from "Top Hat and Tails"); Don't Make Me Laugh (Simon and Stillman).

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Mozart—Quartet in E Flat Major—K. 493.

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Larghetto; 3rd Mov: Allegretto—Hortense Monath (Piano) and the Pasquero Trio.

1.25 A Song.

Grant O Love (from "The Marriage of Figaro" Mozart)—Tiana Lemnitz (Soprano) with Orch.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony.

"Radio City Revels"—Selection.

"Head Over Heels"—Selection. Jingle of the Jungle (film "London Melody").

"Everything is Rhythm"—Selection. Goldwyn Follies—Film Selection.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A "Swing" Programme.

Fox-Trot—I Bought a Wooden Whistle—Jimmy Dorsey and His Orch.

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8.02 Al Bollington at the Organ.

Irving Berlin—Memories—Intro: What'll I do; Blue Skies; Always; How deep is the Ocean; Say it with music; You forgot to remember; Say it isn't so; The song is ended; Medley of Serenades—Intro: Serenade "Frasquita" (Lehar); Serenade (Heykens); Serenade (Schubert); Serenade (Toselli); Second Serenade (Heykens); Serenade "Student Prince"—Romberg.

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Musical Comedy Selections.

"Anything Goes"—Selection (Cole Porter)—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans w. Vocal Chorus.

Crest of the Wave—Selection—Patricia Rossborough (Piano). Words—"Music"—Selection—Debroy Somers.

Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan. Gems from "No. No Nanette" (Vincent Youmans); Gems from "Rose-Marie" (Friml)—Light Opera Company.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 Studio—"Broadcasting in the Blitz."

Talk by M. J. Abbott.

9.30 Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra with Maria Olczewska (Contralto).

"Le Prophete"—Coronation March (Meyerbeer)—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. Let Me Weep ("Rinaldo"—Handel)—Maria Olczewska (Contralto) with State Opera Orchestra.

A Fairy Ballet (White); Raindrops—Pizzicati for Strings (Riviere)—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

9.45—10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Benno Moeschke at the Piano.

Rhapsody in E Flat (Brahms). Polonaise in E Flat Major, Op. 71. No. 2 (Chopin); Grillen (Schumann). Mouvements Perpetuels (Poulenc).

10.00 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

By Shaw Desmond (Irish author).

10.15 Beethoven—"Prometheus" Overture Op. 43 and Quartet in F Major.

"Prometheus"—Overture, Op. 43—Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates. Quartet in F Major. Razumoffsky—Op. 59. No. 1—1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Allegretto vivace e sempre scherzando; 3rd Mov: Adagio molto e mesto; 4th Mov: Theme Russe—Allegro—Roth String Quartet.

11.00 Close Down.

SHORT WAVE

DAVENTRY

Wavelength

G.S.G. 17.79k.c. (16.83m.)

G.S.B. 9.51m.c. (31.35m.)

G.S.H. 21.47m.c. (31.97m.)

G.S.O. 15.18m.c. (19.79m.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary

Full Bulletin 4.00 p.m.

Transmission V—News Summary

Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Full Bulletin 6.45 p.m.

Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.

do 9.00 p.m.

do 12.00 mid-night

Trans. II & III—News Summary

Full Bulletin 7.30 a.m.

Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

ART EXHIBITION TOMORROW

An exhibition of Chinese paintings by Prof. Pao Shao-yu, Principal of the Lai Ching-yu College, will be held at the Hotel Cecil commencing tomorrow (Friday) and continuing until May 26. The exhibition will be formally opened to the public by Mr. Yeh Kung-cho at 11 a.m. On exhibit will be a series of beautiful paintings, entitled "The Song of Eternal Repentance" depicting the life of Yang Kuei-fel, consort of the Tang Emperor, Ming Huang.

Followers of Chinese art will remember the tremendous success of Prof. Pao's first one-man show at the China Building, four years ago. Prof. Pao is considered one of the front rank Chinese painters of today. Being a versatile master of the brush, he has not only included in his series of paintings the entire range of subjects found in Chinese paintings, but also many original features, thus introducing new effects to Chinese art.

Illustrated catalogues will be on sale at the exhibition at 30 cents per copy.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The New Zealand Premier, Mr. Fraser, reviewed New Zealand troops who returned from Greece. "I know you are all ready to perform a similar task if called upon," he told them.

'EARTHBOUND' FILM

"Earthbound," an amusing and fascinating drama centering about the ghost of a man who can't realize he is dead and tries to make his widow see, hear and understand him so he can prove his faithfulness to her and save his best friend from the guillotine, is at the Majestic Theatre.

This 20th Century-Fox picture, featuring Warner Baxter and Andrea Leeds, with a strong supporting cast, is full of spectacular film magic unlike anything heretofore seen on the screen.

"Earthbound" is the strange tale of a murdered man who lives on after death, haunted by the friends he knew in life. The film has many light comedy moments which serve to lighten its dramatic tension.

Favourite of millions, Warner Baxter, in the role of a wraith-like spirit, again turns in a remarkable portrayal. As Nick Desborough he meets death early in the film at the hand of a woman out of his past.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on May 20: Cholera, four cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, eight cases; Enteric Fever, one case; Measles, one case; Tuberculosis, 25 cases.

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HEAVY AIR BOMBARDMENT PREFACED NAZI ATTACK ON CRETE

Attempt Believed To Be A Full-Dress Rehearsal For Invasion Of British Isles

CAIRO, May 21 (Reuter).—The German attack on Crete, which began just before dawn yesterday morning, and which was prefaced by Monday's heavy air bombardment, had been expected, and the appointment of Major-General C. B. Freyberg, V.C., as Commander-in-Chief, together with reinforcement of the defences and manpower, indicates Allied preparedness.

Crete is a considerable menace to the enemy because of its proximity to the mainland, but its capture will prove extremely difficult. Backing seapower, Germany must rely on air-borne troops; lacking landing grounds—the island is very mountainous—Germany must rely on parachute troops.

The use of engineless gliders, which can land more easily on uneven ground, was a surprise move but the defenders were not caught unawares.

The British and Allied forces are assisted in the island's defence by the warlike Cretan hillmen, whose womenfolk even are accustomed to the constant necessity of fighting to protect their homes.

"CAPTAINS OF HELLS"

Led by "The Captains of the Hells," such as Captain Holyoake, who had killed ten men when he was still only nineteen years old, and the bearded giant, Captain Tan, the hillmen are banded together, armed chiefly with knives and swords. They constitute a formidable "Home Guard" and Intelligence Service and can be relied upon to deal with any Nazi parachutists unfortunate enough to fall into their hands.

SPORADIC BOMBING

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill, in the House of Commons, stated that a report received yesterday at 3 p.m. says that there is continuous reconnaissance, accompanied by sporadic bombing and machine-gunning, chiefly against the anti-aircraft defences.

"The military hospital between Cana and Malemi, which was captured by the enemy, has now been recaptured."

"A fairly strong enemy party is reported to the south of Cana-Malemi Road, which is not yet mopped up, but other parties are thought to be accounted for."

"I thought that the people would like to hear how the action has so far developed." (Cheers)

HAZARDOUS MOVE

The German attempt to establish

STRATEGIC VALUE OF FALLUJAH

CAIRO, May 21 (Reuter).—The great strategic value of the Iraqi town of Fallujah, captured by the British from the rebels, is stressed in military circles here.

Fallujah bridge is the only crossing of the Euphrates between Habbaniyah and Baghdad. Had this narrow one-way traffic bridge been destroyed—and it is thought that the rebels had mined it—Habbaniyah would have been cut off from British land-borne reinforcements and, since the Euphrates is in full flood, would have caused considerable embarrassment to British operations in this area.

WAR MATERIAL

War material sent from Syria to Iraq has not gone through Turkish territory, according to a usually reliable source here, which reveals that the war material was sent by rail to Aleppo where it was unloaded and transferred to a fleet of Iraqi lorries which conveyed the material by road to Mosul.

COMBINED AIR AND LAND OPERATIONS

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The combined operations by land and air forces, with troop carriers operating from Habbaniyah, have resulted in the capture by the British forces of Fallujah, an important bridgehead across the Euphrates, linking Habbaniyah with Baghdad, writes Reuter's Special correspondent at Habbaniyah, Iraq.

Fallujah was being held by some of the Iraqi forces who had retired there after being ejected from the plateau overlooking Habbaniyah aerodrome. Altogether, a considerable area between Habbaniyah and Fallujah, had been flooded by the retreating Iraqi forces, and a successful detour was made by the British troops.

Simultaneously, troops carried by the R.A.F. troop-carrying planes landed on the desert, east of Fallujah and surrounded the position on three sides.

LEAFLETS DROPPED

Leaflets had been dropped earlier, warning the inhabitants that an attack was imminent, unless the garrison surrendered.

After the prescribed interval, an attack began since no reply had been received.

The capture of this important bridgehead of some 15 miles from Habbaniyah opens up the road to Baghdad, which is only 35 miles across the desert from Fallujah. Iraqi resistance was for the most part, not formidable and heavy bombing attacks which preceded land operations of the British forces, considerably aided the British success.

While the attack was in progress, a German Messerschmitt fighter made an appearance, but flew off at high speed when attacked by R.A.F. fighters.

Aleppo Drome Occupied By German Staff

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Aleppo airport in Syria is occupied by a German ground staff and all the 20 or more Syrian airports are available for German use, says the Ankara Columbia Broadcasting System, a correspondent.

About 50 German planes have so far crossed Syria, it is believed here.

The Cairo correspondent of the Independent French news agency says that a certain number of French planes have been flown over the Syrian frontier by their pilots to join General de Gaulle.

S'HAJ NEWSMAN KIDNAPPED

CHUNGKING, May 21 (Central).—Chang Cheng-yi, head of the General Affairs Section of the Cheng Yen Pao, American-owned Chinese daily at Shanghai, was kidnapped at his residence in the French Concession early yesterday morning.

RUDOLF HESS TREATED AS PRISONER OF WAR

Major Adams & "Nauseating Rhapsodies" In The Press

LONDON, May 21 (British Wireless).—The Prime Minister, answering a series of questions in the House of Commons on Herr Rudolf Hess, said that he was not in a position to make a statement and was not sure when he would be. So far as he was advised, Herr Hess was being treated as a prisoner of war and would receive treatment appropriate as such.

When Major Adams said "While I fully appreciate the need for discretion in this matter, has Government actively in mind the possibility that the whole stunt may be a common or garden plant and also will you discourage sections of the press from renewing their nauseating rhapsodies on this bloodstained crook," Mr. Churchill replied: "I certainly do not feel that I ought to detract in any way from the vehemence of Major Adams' statement."

Asked if he had noticed the press description of Hess as an idealist, Mr. Churchill replied: "I do not think I can indulge in this retrospective censorship of the press. There was very great public interest in this matter and we were not able to give any guidance."

"The Germans gave different guidance every day and, the press naturally endeavoured to satisfy the public by recording all kinds of details that came to their hand. It seems to me that the whole episode has been entertaining as well as important."

NAZI "GUIDANCE"

The different and contradictory "guidance," which the Nazi propaganda machine has been giving to the subject of Herr Rudolf Hess, to which the Prime Minister referred in the House of Commons yesterday, must be sorely tried to find an explanation of the laudatory article printed in the official Party newspaper, *Essener National Zeitung*, once the property and still frequently the mouthpiece of Marshal Goering.

The article was printed on April

VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

LONDON, May 21 (BWS).—The British Volunteer Ambulance Corps is posting for service, a further section of 24 ambulances with the Southern Command, manned by the female volunteer personnel.

The ambulances have been given by the organisations of cities and towns in Britain and Northern Ireland, eight vehicles having been given by the Rotary Clubs and two by the Pharmaceutical Society and the National Pharmaceutical Union.

This makes a total of 205 ambulances provided by the British Volunteer Ambulance Corps for service with the British and Allied armies. Of these, two sections are manned by female and one section by male volunteer personnel.

FRANCO-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS

Berlin Communiqué Is Expected

ZURICH, May 20 (Reuter).—An official German communiqué regarding Franco-German negotiations is expected, according to the Berlin correspondent of the *Basler Nachrichten*.

Berlin assures the German public that concessions made to Vichy will not cancel any of the essential parts of the armistice terms.

ROAD TO TREASON

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Henri Bernstein, eminent French dramatist, in a letter to the *New York Times* states: "When Marshal Petain orders the French people to follow him along the path of honour he is actually suggesting that they follow him down the road to treason."

"What he intends that our country should do is to place itself in complete dependence on its mortal enemy, Germany."

"England has kept her promise to France. She has done more than that. In the hour of defeat, in the hour when we left her alone on the field of battle, she revealed herself to be a most generous friend. No word of reproach fell from the lips of her statesmen."

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Louis, world's heavyweight champion, has been matched with Buddy Baer, Maxie's little brother, for a little bout it was announced here yesterday. May 23 tentatively was set for the fight.

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INDIANS AND SOUTH AFRICANS PRAISED BY PREMIER: COMMONS STATEMENT ON EAST AFRICA

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—In his statement in the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Winston Churchill referred to the South African army and said that they had played a most distinguished part in the East African fighting.

Continuing, Mr. Churchill said: "They had been ordered by General Smuts to go forward and now as this theatre is closing down, they are to move northwards to the Mediterranean (Cheers)."

"Also two British and Indian divisions gained laurels in the fighting at Kassala and all the way from Kassala to Keren and up to the final events."

"These Indian divisions consist of six Indian battalions and three British battalions. Their arduous and faithful endurance of hardship have won the regard of their British comrades."

"Sometimes we have seen cases where not a single British officer remained and the battalion conducted itself in a most effective manner."

"Any account of this campaign reflects very high honour upon the soldiers of India of all castes and creeds engaged."

SOLLUM ACTION

"The second event which occurred since we were last here is the remarkably well-sustained action at Sollum. This is of interest because it was fought exclusively between British and German troops. It has not, I suppose, been found worth-while to maintain

U.S. JOURNALISTS DISAPPOINTED

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt does not anticipate sending any special message to Congress in the near future. He announced this at his press conference yesterday, thus disappointing upward of 100 journalists present.

They had jammed Mr. Roosevelt's office for what was expected to be a momentous conference, in anticipation of an indication from the President of a "big decision."

SCARS LEFT BY COLLAPSE OF THE CHINA DOLLAR ARE NOT YET OBLITERATED

Annual Meeting Of H.K. Fire Insurance Company

AN INCREASE OF \$7,603.10 ON THE PROFIT OF THE WORKING ACCOUNT FOR 1940 as compared to that of 1939 was reported by the Chairman, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., held at noon yesterday.

The Chairman, however, warned the shareholders that, although that was an excellent showing they must not take too rosy a view about the final outcome for 1941. By this time next year, went on Mr. Paterson, "we shall have undergone a very material plucking and, for my part, I shall be well satisfied if we are left with a substantial final balance as that for 1939, which the accounts before you now disclose."

Supporting the Chairman were Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. A. H. Compton, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. P. H. Suckling and Mr. S. T. Williamson (members of the Consulting Committee), and Messrs. M. H. Turner, Mr. H. Lo, J. H. Fleming, D. V. Stevenson, S. H. Compton-Ross, H. A. Wilmer, P. Tester and D. Hung (shareholders).

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

Before proceeding with the formal business of this meeting, I would first wish to explain that the delay in holding it is entirely due to the late arrival of returns, without which it would have been impossible to complete the Accounts in anything like their customary form.

Further, I would here wish to express the regret of the General Managers and Consulting Committee at the resignation of Mr. J. H. Taggart on his retirement from the Colony owing to ill-health. Mr. Taggart had served on the Committee from July 1933, and over that period his valued support and advice were constantly at our disposal. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him a speedy recovery to health. I am pleased to inform you that Mr. P. H. Suckling has accepted our invitation to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

CHINA'S CURRENCY

Exchange between Shanghai and Hongkong continued its downward trend from 310 on Dec. 31, 1939 to 415 which was the rate current at the end of last year. Today it is hardly necessary for me to reiterate how adversely our figures have suffered as the result of the disastrous vagaries of China's currency.

The balance at credit of 1940 Working Account after twelve months is \$741,199.92 an increase of \$87,603.10 on that for the year 1939 at the same stage. Although this makes an excellent showing, I would caution you against taking too rosy a view about the final outcome. Losses are heavy as is taxation, which latter must necessarily be expected to increase during the present state of World affairs. By this time next year we shall have undergone a very material plucking and, for my part, I shall be well satisfied if we are left with a substantial final balance as that for 1939, which the Accounts before you now disclose.

SERIOUS SHRINKAGE

You will probably have noticed the serious shrinkage in income from interest and were it not for the general excellence of the Account for 1939 and the carry forward for Account 1940, your Committee would have been doubtful of the wisdom of recommending a distribution on the same scale as last year. The reasons for this fall in interest are not hard to seek, the rates at which we were previously able to employ our funds being now almost halved.

The surplus to be dealt with is \$669,935.45—the balance of 1939 Account—and we recommend the payment of \$11 per share, absorbing \$440,000 and the appropriation of the residue of \$229,935.45 to Reinsurance Fund.

A review of the Balance Sheet will show that while all our Reserves are in healthy condition, the scars left by the collapse of the China dollar are not yet obliterated, nor can this be anticipated for some years to come. You will notice an increase in the amount at credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account, this being due to the uplift in values of our investments at the end of last year. It is to be hoped that such a condition of affairs will continue, though there are some signs of wilting in the prices of our local securities.

"ALL LOOKS WELL"

I trust you will approve if I don't talk about the future, these being times wherein it is unwise to hazard

an opinion on any subject for more than a few hours ahead. At the moment all looks well with the Company and in saying that I tell you just as much as the Consulting Committee know themselves.

I trust you will approve the usual grant of a bonus to members of the staff of 15 per cent. on their salaries, men on service to be included. They have worked well during the past year under conditions of considerable pressure and I consider this gratuity has been well earned.

I feel assured of your approval of the donation of \$25,000 to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund which was made last June and has been debited to the 1940 Account. With your agreement, we propose to donate a similar sum out of the current year's funds to help the Bomber Fund's second year.

AUDITORS' FEES

I have an explanation to make in connexion with the resolution that will shortly come before you with regard to the re-election of our Auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming. Owing to their many additional activities on our behalf, it was decided in May last year to augment their fees by \$500 per firm to date back to January 1, 1940 but as it was then too late to obtain your confirmation the agreed increase has not been paid. To regularise the position I shall be glad if Mr. M. H. Turner, when proposing the re-election and increase will make the latter retrospective to the beginning of the year 1940.

Mr. D. V. Stevenson seconded the adoption of the Reports and Statement of Accounts.

OTHER BUSINESS

On the proposal of Mr. M. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. J. H. Fleming, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. S. T. Williamson, and Mr. P. H. Suckling, were re-elected Members of the Consulting Committee with Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson as Chairman.

Mr. M. H. Turner proposed the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs.

GOVERNMENT CAN DO NOTHING FOR ALLEGED EX-NIGHTSOIL COOLIES

"I have told the Police that I am prepared to receive any deputations that might want to see me, but so far no one has yet turned up," said the Chairman of the Urban Council, HON. MR. W. J. CARRIE, yesterday afternoon when interviewed in connexion with the gathering of 50 or 60 women on the pavement outside the Post Office building.

These women, many of whom arrived at 10.30 a.m., contented themselves with sitting on the pavement but no disturbance was created.

Asked if the Government intend to do anything about the matter, Mr. Carrie stated that there was nothing that the Government could do for these alleged former nightsoil coolies.

"According to the delegates who came to see me yesterday, it is not employment that these women are after. What they wanted is that Government allow them to go back to the old way of personal arrangements with the tenants."

NOT PHYSICALLY FIT

"Many of those who were in the crowd yesterday," went on Mr. Carrie, "are not physically fit to do the job and it is strongly doubted if they have ever carried any bucket. They are small contractors who do not hesitate to exploit child labour and cheap labour."

"I feel sorry for them as they have lost their business. But it must be admitted that the former system was entirely unsatisfactory as much of the work was not properly done."

Asked whether the pouring of water and chloride of lime on the

POSSESSION OF RIFLE & AMMUNITION

ACCUSED CONVICTED AT SESSIONS TRIAL

Ten months' hard labour each were imposed on Mak Mau and Ho Lam by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when they were found guilty by a jury of a charge of unlawful possession of one rifle and 32 rounds of ammunition at Castle Peak on April 26.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, prosecuted assisted by Insp. Mottram, and the following comprised the jury:—Messrs. L. Gardner (Foreman), H. A. Waller, I. F. Xavier, Yao Tien-ning, Leung Wing, Leung Sik-hong and Jackson Hsiung-lao.

CASE OUTLINED

Mr. Abbott, outlining the case, said on April 26 a party of police officers went to Kap Shek Kok, Castle Peak, which place amounts to almost a collection of boulders. The police split into three parties.

One of the parties sighted a boat in which were four men. Two of them dashed away and one of them was carrying something which at a distance looked like a rifle. Second accused who was one of the two that stayed behind was arrested. The Police searched the boulders and in a crevice they found a rifle and 32 cartridges to fit the rifle. Some time later two men were found hiding under a boulder, and they were arrested, one of them being first accused.

SELF-PROTECTION

When charged at the police station first accused, in a statement, said he brought the arms from Hal Kwong for self-protection, while second accused stated they transported goods to and fro from Hal Kwong and often met robbers and had brought the arms and ammunition for protection.

The rifle was examined by the police and found to have been fired recently while the ammunition in the rifle which was a 7.9 mm. gun.

Without retiring the jury returned a verdict of guilty against both defendants.

FRENCH CONSULATE

The offices of the French Consulate will be closed to the general public today, Thursday, May 22, being the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors for the ensuing year, and that their fees for 1940 be augmented by \$500. This was seconded by Mr. R. A. Wilmer and carried unanimously.

NUTRITION FILM TO BE SHOWN TODAY

We are informed by the Director of Medical Services that the second presentation of the film entitled "Enough to Eat" with commentary by Professor Julian Huxley will be given under the auspices of the Nutrition Research Committee at 11 a.m. today at the Central Theatre, Queen's Road Central, by kind permission of the Manager.

Readers will remember that the film caused widespread interest when first shown at the Queen's Theatre last December when it was introduced by His Excellency Lieutenant General E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., at that time administering the Government of Hongkong.

Since that date, the Nutrition Research Committee has had Chinese captions added to make the film available to a wider public.

It is learned that it is the hope of the Nutrition Research Committee to make a "talkie" locally in Chinese—with English captions—on the lines of "Enough to Eat," but substituting Hongkong scenes and local foodstuffs for scenes in Great Britain and European foods.

All members of the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, registered medical practitioners, registered nurses and midwives, medical students, teachers and social welfare workers will be welcomed to attend the showing which takes about thirty minutes.

BRUTAL CHOPPER ATTACK

Three Chinese, armed with a chopper, injured a man in an unnumbered hut in Tsun Wan Village, New Territories South, yesterday morning.

Wong Tai, sister of the wounded man, reported that about 2.30 a.m. three robbers entered the hut. The brother attempted to resist and was brutally wounded by the robbers with a chopper. The intruders decamped with only \$5.

The man was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to the head, face and arm.

RICE QUERY RAISED AT CENTRAL MAGISTRACY

The question of whether Government fixed rate for Grade I rice applies to an allegedly better kind was raised before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when Chan Sau-chi, manager of the KIN TAI LOONG rice firm, No. 27, Bonham Strand West, appeared on three summonses for selling rice on three occasions at a price higher than Government fixed rate, which offence is a breach of the Defence Regulations.

He was alleged to have sold 17.5 and ask for Government Grade I 935.5 catties of Grade I rice at \$14.88 per picul to Chau Yik-hang, of the Wah Cheong Rice Shop, No. 94, Connaught Road West, on Mar. 21; 33,352 catties at \$18.27 per picul to Chau Pik-son, of the Shing Shun Rice Shop, No. 103, Connaught Road West, on Apr. 14; and 35,948 catties at \$17.22 per picul to Fung Don, of the Nam Fat Rice Shop, on Apr. 20.

The Government fixed whole-sale price for that grade of rice was stated to be \$14.40 per picul.

Defendant was represented by Mr. Edgar Davidson who pleaded not guilty. Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett was for the prosecution.

First complainant, Chau Yik-hang, in evidence, said that the Wah Cheong rice shop, of which he was the accountant, purchased 100 bags of rice, containing about 17,355.5 catties, from defendant's firm on Mar. 21 for \$2,727.56. After deducting \$21.52 tax, two per cent. brokerage fee, coolie and other fees from that sum, witness said that the price per picul of the rice purchased was \$14.88, which was the rate agreed upon by both parties.

SPECIAL GRADE

Chau Pik-son, second complainant, testified that the 185 bags of rice he bought from defendant's firm at \$5.545 was a special grade of rice with only about five per cent. of broken rice mixed in it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Davidson, witness said that Government Grade I rice was "Salmon rice" (rice that came from Salmon), while the rice that he purchased from defendant came from Siam, which was definitely superior to the former class of rice.

Witness said that he was a whole-sale dealer and that he sold the purchased rice to retailers at \$17 per picul.

Mr. Davidson: You are then breaking the law.

Witness: I can't help it. This rice is much superior to Government Grade I rice. I have to sell it at the Nam Pak Hong quotation. If someone goes to your shop

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The SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 10th July, 1941, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 3rd July to the 24th July inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 14th May, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of May, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200), in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	106	Rowland Island Lot	Playing Field Road between Ka Yuen St. and Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok.	As per sale plan.	144	17,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,755.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

FUNERAL

Mrs. Eu and family wish to announce that the funeral of the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen will take place on Thursday, May 22, 1941, at 10 a.m. Friends who wish to pay their last respects to the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen may attend at the Yai Bit Ting, at Kennedy Town, between 12.30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

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JAPAN'S RISKS

WHILE official statements of Japanese policy continue to affirm the determination of the Nippon Government to adhere to the Axis Pact and despite the many rumours which have been circulating recently of Japan's intentions to enter into fuller collaboration with Germany and Italy in the war, there is a growing school of thought, particularly in Japanese business and industrial circles, that any involvement in major hostilities will spell economic disaster for the country. Those who hold this opinion are obviously unimpressed by the Japanese Government's faith in an Axis victory and they undoubtedly realise the danger of being drawn further into the Axis orbit, with its consequent breach with Britain and the United States and its ruinous effect on Japan's trading relations with the outside world. Her sympathy with the Axis Powers has already resulted in a number of restrictions being imposed by both Great Britain and America on her import trade and many raw materials which she needs for her normal existence have already been denied her. True she is still able to obtain part of these essential commodities in small quantities from territories in which she has been able to exert her influence by intimidation, but for large supplies of iron, steel, petroleum, non-ferrous metals, rubber, etc., she is still mainly dependent on British and American markets.

AN OPEN conflict against the British Empire and the United States will deprive her of these markets, for not only would it cut off her exports of raw silk and manufactured goods, but it would prevent her from finding a market for her foreign exchange which she will need to pay for her imports. The long-drawn-out "China Incident," which Japan hoped to terminate to her own advantage in a few short months, has already had its effect on her economic life and greater sacrifices were imposed on Japan's trade and industry when an attempt was made to adjust her national economy on a totalitarian basis. With the prospect of settling the "China Incident" receding further, as a result of British and American determination to render China all the assistance possible to resist the aggression to which she has been subjected, any further action which would bring the country against two of the strongest Western Powers will place additional burdens on a people who are war-weary and who have been undergoing the greatest hardships in their daily existence.

THESE are the risks which Japan is facing and the realisation of this has at last begun to dawn on those cir-

FINE CONCERT
ENJOYED AT
NAVAL HOSP.

Arranged and compered by David Kossick, well-known on the local stage, a splendid variety entertainment was given at the Royal Naval Hospital yesterday afternoon and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Artists taking part included Elvie Yuen, Gertrude Gaddard and Maude Deacon, while others contributing to the unqualified success of the programme were Freddy Archer, George Frost, Les Gibson, "Mysto" the memory man, Stanley Hinchliffe, John Glichrist, Mitzi Green, Ian Heath (at the piano), "Scotch," Will Knight, Doris Shields and others.

Every item on the well-arranged programme was well received and reflects the greatest credit on comper Kossick.

Refugees In
The Colony

An increase of 145 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in urban and rural areas is recorded in the Returns for the week ending on May 17:—

URBAN AREAS:
King's Park: 1,298 against 1,205 on May 10.
Ma Tau Chung: 2,002 against 1,906 on May 10.
North Point: 1,526 against 1,528 on May 10.
Morrison Hill: 510 against 510 on May 10.
URBAN AREAS 'SQUATTERS' CAMPS:
Tai Hang: 2,547 against 2,557 on May 10.
Ngau Tau Kok: 807 against 807 on May 10.
RURAL AREAS:
Kam Tin: 2,562 against 2,502 on May 10.
Fanning Children's Camp: 383 against 265 on May 10.
Total: 11,715 against 11,570 on May 10.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
WEEKLY RETURN

In the Colony of Hong Kong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 1941, there were altogether 79 traffic accidents as the result of which two persons were killed and 23 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, a 9-year-old Chinese boy and a 10-year-old Chinese girl were knocked down and killed by a private car and a lorry respectively while crossing the carriageway.

Of 79 accidents, 38 were collisions between vehicles; 28 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 13 accidents were due to other causes.

clashes which are in close touch with Japan's economic position. Many of them have, indeed, warned the Government against pursuing a policy of reckless military adventure under the influence of Japanese extremists. The Government, therefore, must be well aware of the position as it appears to economic experts in the country. In an effort to placate these circles, the Japanese Government has at various times endeavoured to justify their policy by alleging that Great Britain and the United States are engaged in a deliberate attempt to strangle Japan economically and that her present policy of expansion is necessary to counter this. As a matter of fact, the steps taken by Great Britain and the United States, however much they might have been influenced by Japan's inimical attitude, are primarily based on their own war needs and war economy. Such measures would not have been adopted if Japan's sympathy for the Axis Powers had also not raised the possibility of much of these imports of raw materials passing into German and Italian hands. These reasons are more cogent than the futile excuses given by Japan in an attempt to justify their policy to their anxious people.

CORRESPONDENCE
CONGRATULATIONS

The Editor, H. K. Daily Press.
Sir,—Congratulations and thanks for the public-spirited way your paper has made enquiries into and published revelations about the various "rackets" in this Colony.

The astounding revelations published, from time to time, in your paper regarding the Tse Fa, immigration, rice, and firewood "rackets" have been most timely and useful. The steps taken by Government and other quarters in the suppression of these "rackets" have earned the gratitude of, and brought great relief to, countless Chinese who happen to make up the exploited and inarticulate mass of the local population.

This morning your paper has directed public attention to another "racket"—the boarding houses and passage ticket "racket"—which has, in fact, flourished in this Colony for some considerable time. If our authorities could only trace the sharing of the "takings" of this "racket," it would be stamped out, quickly and effectively, once and for all.

Being an ordinary citizen who admires the British way of government, I am at a loss to understand how all these "rackets" could be allowed to assume such astounding and scandalous proportions.

Yours etc.,
(Herewith my card)

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REPLY TO "RICE"

The Editor, H. K. Daily Press.
Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, "RICE," whose letter appeared in your newspaper of Tuesday, I shall be glad if you will be so very kind as to let me have the use of your valuable columns to reply to him.

"Rice" seemed to be somewhat mixed up about who was making all the money he said they were making. As I said to your reporter at the interview, we buy from the importers and sell to the retailers making only about six cents per picul. This six cents has to include keeping the rice in store for them and interest for ten days. The members of the Hongkong Rice Importers' General Association (Nam Pak Hong) are the importers of rice in Hongkong and it has always been they who fixed the prices for us. We, the Rice Merchants' Association of Hongkong, sell to the members of the Hongkong Rice Retailers' United Association. So "Rice" can see that neither we nor the retailers could control the prices, neither could we form any ring.

"Rice" was also wrong in his figures. Hongkong could not possibly consume 10,000 piculs of rice every day as there are only about one million rice-eating people here. Each person averages half-a-catty of rice a day which makes it only 500,000 catties or 5,000 piculs.

I do not know where he got the SQUEEZE figures from, but it is definitely not the amount that our members make on every picul. (I wish we do make that amount.)

I may say that our members are always willing to produce to Government their account books to prove that they are not responsible for the recent increase in the prices.

Thanking you for the favour of publishing this letter.

Yours etc.,
YOUNG WING YAU
Chairman, Rice Merchants' Association of Hongkong.

WEDDINGS AT
REGISTRY

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:—

Chan Chup-man, merchant, of No. 183 Hennessy Road, and Miss Kwok Hang-kon, of No. 11 Staunton Street, second floor.

Mr. Tai Tang-ngok, contractor, of No. 328 Queen's Road West, and Miss So Shin-wan, of No. 4 Somerset Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced yesterday:—
Mr. Leonel Antonio da Silva, clerk, of No. 29 Kimberley Road, and Miss Bertalina Benta Cruz, telephone operator, of No. 17 Hillwood Road.

Mr. Khong Hu-mun, photographer, and Miss Hui Chiu-nga, of No. 4 Graham Street.

C.N.A.C. PLANE
FORCED DOWN
BY JAPANESE

A China National Aviation Corporation aeroplane D.C.-3 was forced down on Tuesday morning by Japanese bombers at Suifu, on the Yangtze River just above Chungking.

The plane was being piloted by an American pilot, Mr. Hugh L. Woods, of Colorado Springs, and there were among the passengers two Americans, Dr. and Mrs. E. Brown, who passed through Hongkong a week ago.

The plane took refuge at an airfield at Ipin, near Suifu, but was bombed while on the ground and sustained damage to its right wing. Crew and passengers were unhurt.

The plane was en route from Chungking to Chengtu.

Vocal, Piano
Concert At
St. Paul's
Girls' College

A vocal and piano concert reflecting much credit on the work of their teachers was given yesterday evening at St. Paul's Girls' College, MacDonnell Road, by the students of Prof. Anna Olsuff (Vocal) and Prof. Harry Ore (Piano).

There was a good attendance.

THE PROGRAMME

Fugue—Bach, Romance—Arensky, and Gavotte—Riganti (Miss Helen Chen and Professor Ore); Elegy—Nollet (Miss Katherine Yipp); Valse in E. Moszkovsky—(Mr. David King); Gavotte—Mozart, Musette—Sibelius (Miss Jane Wong and Prof. Ore); Love's Dream—Liszt (Miss Jane Wong).

Voi Che Sapete (In Italian)—Mozart, The Blacksmith (In English)—Brahms (Miss Agnes Cheung); Sonata No. 17, First Movement—Beethoven, Nocturne No. 5—Chopin (Miss Huang Lai-ying); Valse Lente—Vallé Del Paz (Miss Anna M. and Miss Shi Lai Wah); Air de Ballet—Moszkovsky (Miss Virginia Hefonso); Valse from Romeo and Juliet (In English)—Gounod, Arietta from Nozze di Figaro (In Italian)—Mozart (Miss Betty Morgan-Richards); Rigolotto Paraphrase—Liszt (Mr. Edmund Lum).

Menuet—Beethoven, A Tear—Moussorgsky (Miss Amy Mai and Prof. Ore); Valse No. 11—Chopin (Miss Amy Mai); Porgy Amor (In Italian)—Mozart, Chant Indoue (In French)—Rimsky-Korsakov (Miss Maizie Louey); Adagio Cantabile—Beethoven, Fantasy Impromptu—Chopin (Miss Rosita Gharg); Bayan's Song (In Russian)—Glinka, Roses in June (In English)—German (Mr. P. C. Wu); Latvian Bagatelle—Ore, Persian March—Strauss-Grünfeld (Miss Rosabel May and Prof. Ore).

CHINESE ENVOY
TO FRANCEDR. WEI TAO-MING
IN COLONY

Dr. Wei Tao-ming, formerly Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan and newly appointed Chinese Ambassador to France, who is now visiting in Hongkong, yesterday said that China's resistance is now several times stronger than in the early stages of the current hostilities and her victory over the Japanese militarists is expected.

Referring to Chungking, Dr. Wei said that despite the recent Japanese bombings, the Chinese have suffered few casualties owing to the adequate air raid defences and compulsory evacuation of civilians. The people are calm and carry on their work as usual.

There is now no cause for anxiety about the food problem in Chungking, Dr. Wei said, as bumper crops are anticipated this year in view of sufficient rainfalls.

LOCAL ECONOMY

The Central authorities are paying close attention to the institution of local economy, he said. In this connexion, the new linen system is being pushed vigorously in practically every district in Free China.

Dr. Wei will return to Chungking in a few days. After winding up his affairs in the wartime capital, he will leave for France to assume his new post.—(Central).

COMPLEX SITUATION IN
AIR STRATEGY IN MIDDLE
EAST DEVELOPMENTS

"No more complex situation has been presented in air strategy than that in the Middle East at the present time. Both the British and the German staffs have got the most difficult problem they have yet had," said MAJOR OLIVER STEWART, M.C., A.F.C., B.B.C. aviation expert, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

Major Stewart declared that the Germans were after the Iraq pipe-lines and the oil fields of Mosul and the Suez Canal. If they got possession of these, the Germans would be able to control the Eastern Mediterranean. There were two ways in which this attempt was being made and both of them involved passage over the sea.

IMPORTANCE OF CRETE

"Crete is still held by the Greeks and ourselves, so the German aircraft in order to get to Iraq must use the Dodecanese Islands," said Major Stewart. "Without these islands, German attempts to send help to Iraq would have been impracticable."

"Our staff did not expect the possibility of the French Government handing over bases in Syria to the Germans, so this air traffic must always have been visualised as probable if the Germans succeeded in Greece."

"Air traffic of this kind is extraordinarily difficult to stop. We had difficulty in stopping German air traffic to Cyrenaica and one cannot expect success in this kind of interception. Interception is impossible without the aid of a most valuable system of detection."

"We have in England the Observer Corps system which makes it impossible for any enemy movements to go undetected. But such a system can only be worked effectively where an enemy is trying to penetrate territory which is held by defensive forces."

ONLY COURSE

"In the Middle East sector we hold no such coast line. In Iraq we control various positions, but there is no continuous line along which we can establish and maintain a proper observation system. Our only course is to do as much damage as we can to enemy aeroplanes when they are on the ground. That is the practical approach to this problem. We have already raided enemy aerodromes on the island of Rhodes and also aerodromes which the French have allowed the Germans to use in Syria. Finally, we have attacked German aerodromes in Iraq."

"That is our object—to hamper German aeroplanes when they are making refuelling calls at various bases. By these means we can do no more than whittle away German air traffic, but the stopping of German air transport will be more difficult."

"I don't know what the position will be for intercepting enemy air transport on its way to Syria, but if it is more feasible, it will mean that the Germans will have to carry anti-aircraft guns as well to their bases."

"As I mentioned before, the equipment for a modern bomber squadron is elaborate and weighty. It will take a lot of large aeroplanes to carry it. The Germans have a lot of aeroplanes, so this is not impossible and no doubt it is being tried now."

GREAT ENTERPRISE

"They have certainly shown great enterprise in the air. They have stretched their transport to the limits of its power and they have done jobs which our own staffs would have looked upon as impossible. The whole German air force is, indeed, designed for transport service, but it is evident that the task they have undertaken will be difficult even with the convenience of the French to get a strong air force over for an attack on Egypt."

"Our own transport problem is also a difficult one," said Major Stewart. "We can use the Persian Gulf and Basra. But Iraq is, therefore, in a strange position. The purpose of the R.A.F. will be to hold the aerodromes and to capture others so as to prevent the enemy from using them."

"It is a battle of bases in the present stage. Almost every campaign fought so far has been as a battle for air bases, but this time it is also a battle for communications. There can be no doubt that an enormous advantage will be gained in Iraq by the side which first

overcomes this and other problems.

LOSS OF PILOTS

"Germany has an enormous number of transport planes. She can afford to use and lose any amount of Junkers 52. That is why it is always better to destroy an enemy aeroplane in the air than on the ground, because then a pilot will be put out of action. Germany will not fail to supply her forces in Iraq through lack of machines, but she may fail through lack of pilots."

"I don't mean to say that she is showing any signs of running short of pilots, but she has to conserve them and she might not be ready to lose a large number of them in her transport services. So if we can do something in the way of air interception, it would be an effective way of dealing with the enemy's supplies in Iraq."

"The Germans also have to call upon more aircraft and pilots to supply their forces in Libya. Here the British Navy is able to keep a proper watch on the Sicilian Channel and this will force the Germans into the air again. We cannot, of course, hope to make successful interception on a large scale."

"Our air pilots have, however, destroyed several Junkers 52 on the ground. They have intercepted a few of them and shot them down, but large numbers will continue to get there."

BIG PROBLEM

"Iraq and Libya are so situated that the enemy will be forced to rely on air transport. Nothing on such a large scale has been done before and when one looks at this problem of air carrying on an immense scale one wonders whether the Germans will seek another route for transporting their supplies."

"Crete stands in their way and no doubt the Germans will make all efforts to capture it. If the Germans can seize Crete, it will make their communications problem easier. They might seize Syria, but that would hardly make their task easier."

"Everywhere the Germans have gone they have started with getting air bases and then moving up air-borne troops and supplies. This is their routine procedure and it seems that it is to be repeated in Iraq. But in this case it is harder than it has been before and its results will be interesting and important."

"Whatever happens in the Eastern Mediterranean, it does seem that the Germans have got big problems of communications and supplies to solve. We have also big questions to solve there. So perhaps this time we too will use air-borne supplies against the German air-borne supplies, which means that we shall be able to get them there as quickly."

NEWSETTES

Mr. Chang Chin, Chancellor of the Chinese Consulate in Manila, has arrived in Hongkong.

Mr. Addison E. Southard, American Consul-General in Hongkong, has arrived in Washington on furlough, accompanied by his wife.

The following telegrams from Shanghai are awaiting claimants at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—Chueching, Phillips House; Li Tib, 135 Cheung Sha Wan Road; Wong Ping Hang c/o Luk Kwok Hotel.

Proceeds from the Flag Day of the St. John Ambulance Association & Brigade on May 10 totalled \$4,443.42, and the association wishes to express grateful thanks to all who contributed so generously thereto.

ST. TERESA'S YOUTH
OFFICERS

The following new officers were elected at the St. Teresa's Youth annual meeting held last evening:—R. M. Soares, President; L. Sequim, Vice-President; P. H. Ulrich, Secretary; L. Silva, Treasurer; P. Antonio, Flag Bearer; Mr. Ulrich, Sports Master. The Committee includes the above officers and Messrs. F. Castro, J. Antonio and T. Cruz.

WANT-ADS
are Seen!

CYRIL LAKIN

LAST PITIABLE SHREDS OF VICHY'S HONOUR IS NOW IN HITLER'S CLASP

"If we are going to keep the events of the last week in proper perspective, we must put aside for the moment two sudden and striking turns in recent affairs—the major offensive which has ended in Abyssinia and another which has opened in Crete. But first place of importance must be given to the chapter of what Mr. Churchill had called 'the squalid tale of what is going on in Vichy and those parts of the French Empire still under Vichy's control.'"

The above remarks form the opening comment of a broadcast from London yesterday by MR. CYRIL LAKIN, Assistant Editor of THE TIMES and a well-known authority on political developments.

Mr. Lakin said that when Admiral Darlan went to Berchtesgaden there was little to be hoped from his visit. The last pitiable shreds of Vichy's honour had now been left in Hitler's clasp. The Vichy Government had now expended its policy of collaboration with Germany even as far as Africa was concerned.

Mr. Lakin said that there was nothing in the terms of armistice to allow the Germans the military use of French possessions in Africa. Many very serious possibilities would now be involved in this Vichy humiliation. There would be, for instance, the use by the Germans of Tunis in the Mediterranean and the French West African ports in the Atlantic. And now there was news of Vichy's agreement to permit the Germans to use the French military and air bases in Syria.

BLUSTERING PROTEST

Referring to what he described as "the blustering protest by Gen. Dentz" against the action taken by the British, Mr. Lakin recalled that Gen. Dentz was the officer to whom had been given the job of handing over Paris to the Germans.

"We have not yet come to the end of this squalid story," continued Mr. Lakin, "and there is a strong suspicion that Admiral Darlan's Berchtesgaden bargaining has also given the Germans the use of Cologne and Marseilles."

"So far, in spite of Vichy's complicity it does not appear that the Germans have been able to marshal any great forces for an attack on the oilfields of Iraq."

Mr. Lakin then turned to another stage of current developments—the attack by air-borne troops on Crete. He said that the invasion by the first batch of air force troops would not be the last so the British would have to be prepared for a very big struggle. General Freyberg, V.C., had been able to round up the whole lot of the advance party in quick time, and it was hoped that he would be able to deal as satisfactorily with any others that might follow.

DEFEND TO DEATH

"Only a fortnight ago the Prime Minister described Crete as one of the important outposts that Britain would defend to the death," said Mr. Lakin. "This outpost rises in the path of the Germans for their drive to Syria and Iraq and we must be prepared to see the Germans' determination to seize it, as we are determined to keep it."

Mr. Lakin next referred to the fighting in LIBYA where, he said, the British had captured five times as many prisoners as the Germans claimed to have done.

The Germans had retaken Capuzzo but the British had still retained their position at Sollum while the garrison at Tobruk had given the German commander plenty to think about.

German prisoners who have been taken in this area had declared that the R.A.F. had given them no rest. This was what the Germans had done to the Poles and Yugoslavs, and they were now getting a taste of their own medicine.

"The next development is the collapse of all Italian resistance in Abyssinia," continued Mr. Lakin. "Although the Duke of Aosta's last refuge at Amba Alagi was strong he could not hold his position when all hope of reinforcement had been cut off. The daring of the British troops had won one of the most astonishing campaigns in military history."

THE HOME FRONT

Turning to the Home front, Mr. Lakin referred to the figures of civilians who were killed and wounded last month in air raids—6,000 killed and 7,000 injured. These figures showed that twice as many civilians were killed in one month in Britain as there were soldiers killed in all the desperate fighting in Greece.

"In the light of these heavy losses it is natural that the people of Britain should look eagerly for news of any method to help towards stopping this death roll," said Mr. Lakin.

"They have now read with interest of a new radio device to help anti-aircraft gunners. Although details of this new device have not been given for obvious reasons it is said that it consists of a network of small radio sets to enable anti-aircraft gunners to detect the approach of enemy planes with greater accuracy than before."

Mr. Lakin said that from the beginning of April to the middle of May the Germans lost 291 planes and about 1,095 men, while the British lost 126 planes and about 500 men. During night attacks the Germans lost 214 bombers and the British 78. That was roughly three German bombers to every British bomber.

Concluding, Mr. Lakin said, "So long as we keep the balance in our favour we are wearing down the morale of the German air force and as our own strength in air production increases we will achieve a better balance."

FIRST LORD WANTS MORE SHIPS

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at the Savoy Hotel in London on Wednesday in support of the London's War Weapons Week, said, "I want more ships and I want them quickly. I want more guns and more and faster aeroplanes for the Fleet Air Arm."

£52,000,000

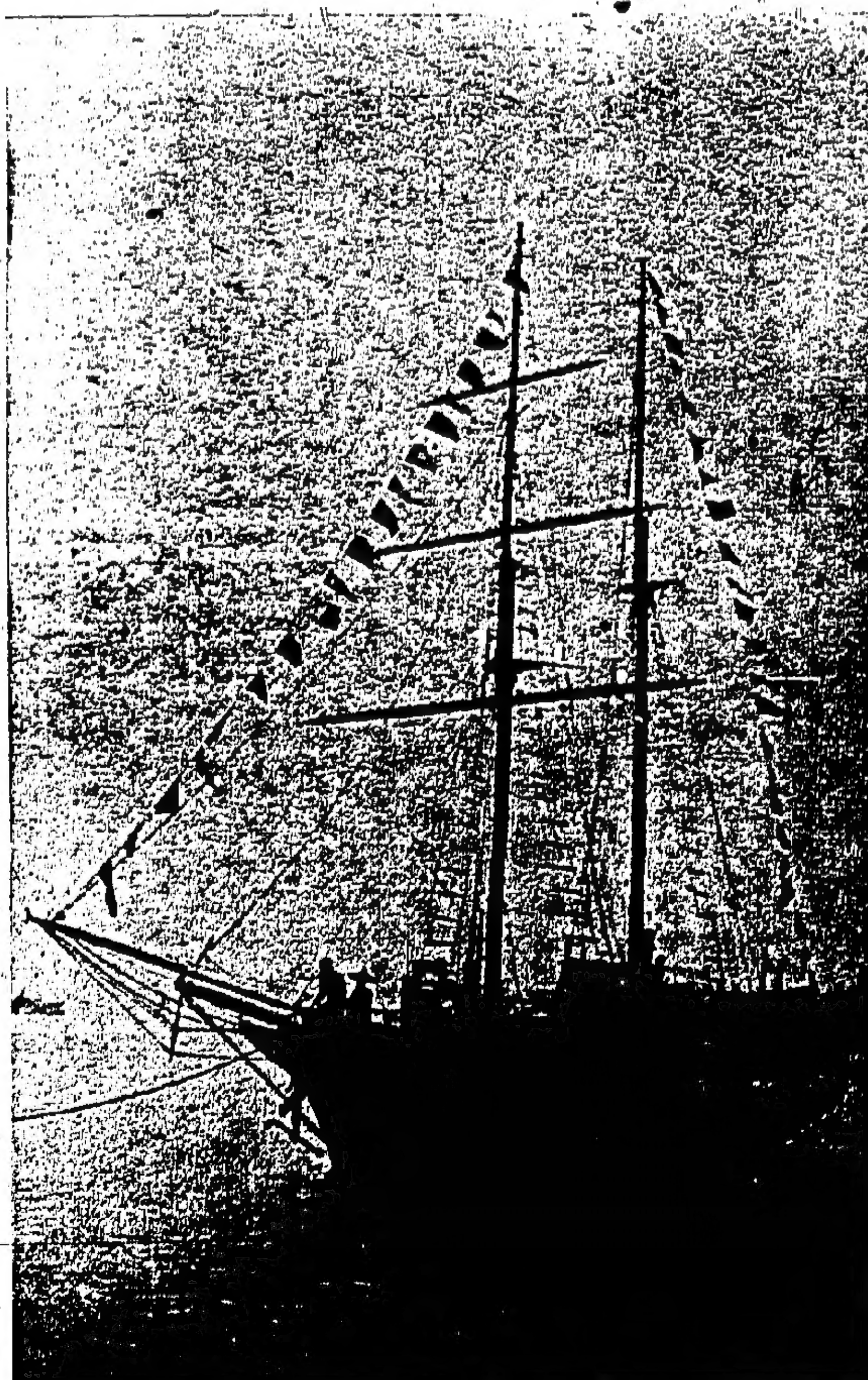
Fifty-two million six hundred thousand sterling has been received in the first three days of the War Weapons week.

NATIONAL SAVINGS

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Seven hundred million sterling has been raised by national savings in the first 19 months of this war, compared with £46,000,000 in the same period in the last war.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter).—The United States has offered to sell or charter two ships to Ireland and to supply food for the Irish civilian population.

BRIGANTINE LAUNCHED



Above shows the 55-ton brigantine which was launched at the Kwong On Shing Shipyard on Monday. (Mayfair Studio).

GEORGE FORMBY ENTERTAINS



George Formby and wife Beryl with (left) his wife, Beryl, and (right) Gerald, surrounded by an appreciative audience of soldiers and A.I.S. This photograph was taken during a camp concert which was recently broadcast to the B.B.C.'s overseas listeners.

Must Expect Fighting To Increase In Severity

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ATTACK RESUMED

It is authoritatively learned that the Germans resumed their air-borne attack on Crete at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Three thousand men were dropped but all were mopped up within two hours.

The Germans used Stukas, Messerschmitts, gliders, parachutists and troop-carriers, and many of the latter crashed on landings.

Reliable information received in London shows that on Monday the enemy carried out a bombardment on Crete from the air which continued all day.

Early Tuesday morning, the attack was renewed and parachutists were dropped while later, gliders and troop-carrying aircraft were employed.

Landings were made chiefly in the sparsely populated area which has historically been a line of approach, namely the western side, but there were also landings at Heraklion.

ONE DIVISION

It is believed that at least one air-borne enemy division was involved in the operation, approximately 7,000 men.

A German air-borne division does not normally include parachute troops and it is pointed out that in the past, when the Germans landed an air-borne division, the operation had taken two days.

A German air-borne division is understood to contain two infantry regiments as against three in the Army division.

An air-borne division, according to the latest information, has one artillery regiment, armed with 75 mm. mountain guns with 37 mm. guns.

It has its own anti-tank company.

RIFLE COMPANIES

Each such regiment has three rifle companies and one machine-gun company.

The chief characteristic of the air-borne division is that it has a much higher proportion of officers and N.C.O.s than the ordinary regiment while the proportion of supporting arms to rifles is lower than normal.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has announced the creation of a structure of civilian defence in the United States.

BELFAST, May 21 (Reuter).—Conscription is to be imposed in Northern Ireland.

LONDONERS IGNORE BOMBINGS: BUSINESSMEN NO LONGER SEEK SHELTERS

Londoners have become accustomed to bombing and are no longer intimidated by it, according to a letter received by a Shanghai resident from his father, who is in the British capital. The letter, extracts from which were published in the North China Daily News, shows that people are carrying on even though their offices have been destroyed, and there is great danger that their lives may be lost.

In the words of the writer: "It is really wonderful." The letter describing these conditions was written while an air raid alarm was sounding, but the writer refused to take any notice of the alarm until he had finished his epistle. Extracts from the letter follows:

NO NOTICE TAKEN

"Then the owners of the building finished making their ten-roomed shelter and the evacuated firms all returned from the country. At first the staffs in the entire building went down to the shelter on the first warning siren and with the alarm sounding half a dozen times a day, there was little work done."

DETERMINED TO SUPPORT CHUNGKING

SINGAPORE, May 21 (Reuter).—Determination to support the Chinese Government in Chungking and "the resistance policy, national unification and fighting the Japanese invaders to the end," was reasserted by Mr. Tan Kah-kee, leader of Overseas Chinese in Malaya and chairman of the China Relief Fund Association, in a statement to pressmen here.

DOING MUCH FOR VICTORY

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Admiration of the spirit of the British people under suffering was expressed by Mr. John G. Winant, U. S. Ambassador to Britain, opening a hospital in the East End of London yesterday.

Mr. Winant said: "You who work untiringly for the protection of others and are helping London to take it, are doing much for victory."

VICHY-REICH ALLIANCE NOW FAIT ACCOMPLI: TURKISH PRESS VIEWS

ANKARA, May 21 (Reuter).—The alliance between Vichy and the Reich is now a fait accompli, declares the newspaper ULUS, while the AKDAM states that it is impossible to believe that France, who has done so much to spread liberty in the world, should now want to destroy it.

These are typical comments on Vichy's latest acts in the Turkish Press.

Regarding Syria, the YENISABAH recalls that Turkey could have taken Syria after France's collapse and was even urged to do so by the Axis, but Turkey's "horror of imperialism and love of France, whom she hoped to see rise again" restrained her despite the importance of Syria for Turkey's defence.

FIRST PLACE

"But today when Vichy opens Syria to the Germans, when it is possible for the Axis to take over Syria, the vital interests of Turkey must take first place in our counsels."

Meanwhile German propaganda is putting about stories of a coming closer collaboration between the Reich and the Soviet Union. They are spreading rumours such as that the Russians will allow the German troops destined for Iraq to pass through the Caucasus.

The Germans are hinting that the U.S.S.R. has agreed to collaborate through fear of heavy German concentrations on her frontier and also reviving the rumours of a Soviet-German partition of the Middle East.

FRIGHTEN TURKS

The object of this whispering campaign is to frighten the Turks by presenting them with a bogey of the German army on the Western frontier and the Soviet-German armies on the Eastern borders.

The Turks on Tuesday will commemorate the landing of Mustapha Kemal at Samsund in 1919, when at one of the blackest moments of the country's history, Kemal started a great task of unifying and freeing the nation.

The whole Press breathes patriotism and recalls the glorious deeds of the past, and declares that Turkey will prove not a less stalwart.

NOW IN PARIS



FIELD MARSHAL VON BRAUCHITSCH arrived in Paris by aeroplane yesterday morning, says the Paris Radio, according to Reuter. He was received at the aerodrome by General Von Stuepegal, General Officer Commanding the occupying forces in France.

FRANCO-U.S. RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter).—It is reliably stated that Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, has told M. Henri Haye, the French Ambassador, that the only hope of restoring harmony in French and American relations was a full assurance that France should hold rigidly to the armistice terms in dealing with Germany.

MUST LEAVE SYRIA

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Vichy Government has notified the British Consular officials in Syria that they must leave within eight days.

TRIPLE FAMILY TRAGEDY

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The announcement yesterday that Flying Officer Henry Francis Demhster Breeze is missing marks a triple family tragedy of the war.

His father, Air Vice-Marshal C. D. Breeze, was killed on active service as the result of a flying accident, it was announced in March.

His elder brother, Flight-Lieutenant J.C. Breeze, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

HEINKEL DOWNED BY TRAWLERS

LONDON, May 21 (British Wireless).—An Admiralty communique states that on "Monday night" a Heinkel 111 was engaged and shot down off the east coast by H.M. trawlers Tranio, Thomas Leeds and Stella Leonis.

"The enemy aircraft had previously been under fire and damaged by H.M. minesweeper Princess Elizabeth. No casualty or damage was sustained by our ships."

JUNK CARGO STOLEN

A Hongkong-registered trading junk No. T5796H, while sailing in British waters on May 19, had her cargo, consisting of 523 tins of petrol and matting covers, to the value of \$4,048, stolen, according to a report made to the Police by the master, Yeung Yee-ching.

The vessel was lying at anchor at Sha Kin, near Tai Hin, when at midnight seven or eight Chinese boarded the boat and herded Yeung and his crew into the hold. They were put ashore on May 20 south of Nine Pins and the robbers' boat sailed away in the direction of Lam Tong.

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MR. JOHNSON
LEAVES FOR
AMERICALARGE GATHERING
AT AIRFIELD

Mr. Nelson F. Johnson, new
American Minister to Australia,
left for the United States yester-
day morning by the China Clipper.
He was seen off at the airfield
by a large number of American
and Chinese officials, including Mr.
Clarence E. Gauss, the new Ameri-
can Ambassador to China, Mr. R.
P. Butrick, Counsellor of the U.S.
Embassy in China, Mr. John J.
Brutus, Acting American Consul-
General in Hongkong, Mr. Robert
C. Coudray, American Vice-Consul
in Hongkong, Lt.-Colonel William
Mayer, U.S. military attaché in
China, Major J. M. McHugh, U.S.
naval attaché in China, Mr. Arthur
J. Campbell, U.S. Treasury repre-
sentative in Hongkong, Mr. O. K.
Yui, representing the Chinese Gov-
ernment, Major-General J. L.
Hwang, Director of the Officers
Moral Endeavour Association, Mr.
Loy Chang, Director of the "Cus-
toms Administration, and Mr. A. J.
R. Moss, Superintendent of the Kai
Tak Airport.—(Central).

FIVE STAGES
OF DEATH
BY THIRST

McGee, an American geologist of
large experience in desert regions,
who made numerous observations
on sufferers from extreme thirst,
has distinguished five stages
through which men pass on their
way to death from lack of water.
In the first stage is a feeling
of dryness in the mouth and
throat accompanied by a craving
for liquid. This condition may be
alleviated by a moderate quantity
of water, or by exciting the flow
of saliva in some way. In the
second stage the saliva and the
mucous in the mouth and throat
become sticky and scanty.

DRY DEADNESS

There is a feeling of dry dead-
ness of the mucous membranes.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

THEFT OF ELECTRIC WIRE

Luk Siu-chung, 29, unemployed,
of no fixed abode, appeared before
Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday
on charges of stealing 21 feet of
electric wire from the staircase of
No. 90, Des Vieux Road West, and
possession of one screw driver and
one knife, which were fit for an
unlawful purpose.

Stated to be a returned banish-
ee, defendant was additionally
charged with breach of the depor-
tation order.

Besides being sentenced to one
month's hard labour on each
charge, the terms to run concurren-
tly, defendant was also recom-
mended for banishment.

Sgt. W. McLeod prosecuted.

EUROPEAN FINED

A. A. C. Morant, Director of
Trust Industriel Belge-Francaise,
residing at No. 39, Shouson Hill,
was fined \$10 by Mr. Sheldon, K.C.,
yesterday for possession of a
camera at Island Road, near the
reservoir, on May 4, without first
having obtained permission in
writing from the Commissioner of
Police.

Sgt. F. Simpson, who prosecuted,
said that he found only family
pictures on the film after it had
been developed.

Defendant pleaded guilty and
said that he was ignorant of the
regulations.

TRFSPASSED IN SCHOOL

Wu Wai, 25, unemployed, was
charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry
yesterday with trespassing at the
Ellis Kadourie School and as-
saulting Fung Yau, coolee of the
School.

He denied that he had assaulted
Fung and the charge to that effect
was withdrawn against him.

Sgt. H. Goldie said that about
10 a.m. on May 23, defendant was
found in one of the classrooms.
When asked for the reason of his
presence there, defendant said that
he was looking for a student friend
of his by the name of Chan Tak-
kee, but no student could be locat-
ed to answer that name.

Defendant admitted one pre-
vious conviction.

A fine of \$10 or 14 days' hard
labour was imposed.

THEFT BY SERVANT

Wong Kau, 32, "boy" formerly
employed by Mr. A. I. Cash, In-
spector of Works, P. W. D., was
charged before Major Macfadyen
yesterday with larceny, by servant,
of \$6 in notes, three bottles of
whisky, a case of Ewo beer and
20 pounds of sheet brass, to the
value of \$181.50, from Tytam Bun-
galow between Dec. last and Mar.
31.

Sgt. F. Simpson said that de-
fendant had been caught stealing
before but was given a chance by
complainant.

On Mar. 12, complainant had a
£1 note missing and questioned
defendant, who said he knew
nothing about it. Two days later,
he asked defendant about the
money again and this time de-
fendant admitted stealing it.

Mr. Cash then tried to inform
the Police by telephone but was
stopped by defendant, who snatch-
ed the telephone from his hands
and disappeared. A check was
made and the articles mentioned
in the charge were found to be
stolen.

The Police were informed and
defendant, who was working at a
house in Prince Edward Road was
arrested.

Pleading guilty, defendant was
sent to two months' hard labour.

The air breathed in appears hot,
and the tongue clings to the teeth
and cleaves to the roof of the
mouth. A lump seems to rise in
the throat and starts endless swa-
llowing motions to dislodge it.
Water and wetness are then exalt-
ed as the end of all excellence.
At this stage the distress can be
alleviated by permitting the sip-
ping of a few drops of water at a
time.

The last three stages are too
harassing for minute description.
Suffice it to say that the eyelids
stiffen over eyeballs set in a sight-
less stare, the tongue tip hardens
to a dull weight, and the wretched
victim has illusions of limpid lakes
and sparkling streams. At these
stages to give even a small quan-
tity of fluid immediately causes
death from heart failure.

AT KOWLOON

BURGLAR CONVICTED

After having chased a burglar
over three walls, Mr. B. Pengelly,
of P. W. D., residing at No. 83,
Waterloo Road, succeeded in arrest-
ing the thief.

Accused, Lee Hung-kwan, 34,
was charged before Mr. D. J. N.
Anderson yesterday with attempt-
ing to break into No. 83, Waterloo
Road with intent to steal, with
breaking into Mr. Jones' residence,
No. 260, Prince Edward Road on
May 13 and stealing therein a
camera, an electric fan, a pair of
spectacles and a quantity of ci-
garettes, and with breach of the
Deportation Ordinance.

Sgt. G. S. Alexander said that
about 4 a.m. on Tuesday Mr.
Pengelly was awakened by a sound
at the door. He tiptoed out to find
accused in the act of removing a
pane of glass from the door. They
raced over three walls before the
defendant was arrested.

At the Police Station defendant
admitted that he had broken into
Mr. Jones' residence. Only the
electric fan, which had been
pawed for \$7, was recovered.

Accused, who had four previous
convictions, was sentenced to a
year's hard labour for all three
charges.

C. N. A. C. PILOT FINED

A C. N. A. C. pilot, Chan Moon-
jun, 30, and his wife, Chan Fun,
23, were charged before Mr. An-
derson yesterday, the wife with
alighting from a moving bus and
the husband with assaulting the
bus driver.

Sgt. I. Jack said that accused
were passengers on board bus No.
846 on Tuesday evening. First ac-
cused alighted from the bus whilst
it was in motion and fell on the
road.

The pilot ordered the bus to
stop and then boarded the bus
again and gave the driver a punch
on his mouth.

First accused had her bail of \$5
estimated when she failed to appear
in Court, while the pilot was fined
\$10.

MARITAL DISCORD

Private James Ivor James, of C.
Company, First Battalion, Middle-
sex Regiment was summoned be-
fore Mr. H. C. Macnamara yester-
day for being persistently cruel to
his wife since July last year.

Mrs. Julie James, of 101, Tai Po
Road, said that they had a marriage
certificate from the Bishop. The
defendant had a quick temper and
since July last he had been treat-
ing her very badly and "assaulted"
her frequently.

Owing to the fact that they re-
ceived no marriage allowance, she
was obliged to work as a stenog-
raphist at the Y. M. C. A. She was
also in the A. R. P. Service. Some
times she might come home very
late and the husband would be
waiting impatiently and often re-
fused to return to the Barracks.
Realising that he would be in-
volved in trouble if he failed to re-
turn, witness urged him to go
back. However, the husband often
accused her of trying to get rid
of him so as to meet another man.

Mrs. James added: "All suffer-
ings can easily be tolerated if my
husband would cease beating me."

Pte. James admitted that he had
a quick temper and was jealous.
He said: "I hope you will forgive
me for what I have done and I pro-
mise to treat you well from now
on."

The case was adjourned sine die.

NEWSPAPERMEN CONVICTED

Two newspapermen, Lau Cheung-
tat, 23, manager of the Hoi Shum
Newspaper Press, of No. 91, Wel-
lington Street, and Lau Cham,
editor of the same paper, who
were charged with threatening to
publish a libel against Ip Wing
with intent to extort money from
him, were convicted by Mr. Ander-
son yesterday.

First accused was fined \$250 or
three months' hard labour, while
second accused was fined \$150 or
two months' gaol.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ ap-
peared for complainant, while Mr.
C. D'Almada and Mr. Alfred S. K.
Lau represented accused respecti-
vely.

First accused, in evidence, said
that he was only the manager of
the paper and he took no part in
writing articles. He also denied
that he had threatened com-
plainant.

Second accused said that he
went with first accused to the Club
without knowing what was going
to be done. He took no part in the
conversation. Accused denied that
he was the editor of the paper but
only a proof-reader.

ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION
OF 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL:
GAOL TERM FOR WIDOW

THE SORDID STORY OF HOW THE ABDUCTION OF A 15-YEAR-
OLD GIRL was foiled by the presence of mind on the intended
victim's part was told before Major A. N. Macfadyen at the Central
Magistracy yesterday, when a 52-year-old widow, Chan Yau, of no
fixed abode, was charged with having unlawfully taken the girl out
of the possession and against the will of her mother.

For returning from banishment, the loss was told her and by
defendant was additionally charged
with breach of the deportation
order. She pleaded guilty to both
charges, and was sentenced to one
year's hard labour on the first
count and three months on the
second, the two terms to run con-
currently.

It was stated that defendant had
a previous conviction for kidnab-
ping.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes
said that the girl and her family,
consisting of a mother and a
younger brother, were street sleep-
ers in Mercer Street, West Point.

QUILT STOLEN

On May 8, the mother discovering
that a quilt had been stolen from
her bedding began to cry over it
and defendant passing by stopped
and enquired what was the matter.

STAIRCASE
ROBBERY
SEQUELHEAVY GAOL TERM
FOR ACCUSED

Remarking to defendant that he
had been convicted of a very
serious charge and the only way
to deal with the offence was by
inflicting heavier sentences, Mr.
Justice P. E. F. Cressall at the Crimi-
nal Sessions yesterday imposed
sentence of three years' hard labour
with 18 strokes of the cane on
Tang Ki, 20, who pleaded guilty to
a charge of robbery by two or
more.

Two other men, Mak Pong-
shing, 18, and Ho Fuk, 25, who
both pleaded not guilty to the
offence were discharged.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant
Crown Solicitor, who appeared for
the prosecution, told his Lordship
that evidence of identification was
not very strong and that the
Crown proposed to withdraw the
case against the two accused.

PEPPER THROWN

Giving a brief outline of the
facts, Mr. Murphy said that Chan
Tin-yu was going up the stairs of
No. 8 Battery Street when he was
seized by three men and pepper
thrown on his face. He was rob-
bed of his purse containing \$4, a
bunch of keys and a whistle. The
men escaped but first accused, was
later identified by Chan as one
of his attackers.

Mr. Murphy revealed that first
accused had three previous con-
victions for larceny.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser assisted in
the prosecution.

D. O. SOUTH

WILD TREE WOOD

Lo Leung was fined \$5, or one
week's hard labour, when he plead-
ed guilty before Mr. S. F. Balfour
yesterday to the charge of posses-
sion of one wild tree wood measur-
ing four feet long and five inches in
diameter, at No. 1, Section, Water
Catchment, Shing Mun, on May 20.

EXPULSION ORDER

Cheung Ting and Wong Ho ap-
peared on remand before Mr.
Balfour yesterday on the charge
of cutting pine trees in Mong Tung
Wan, Lantau Island, on May 19,
and, on being convicted, were sen-
tenced to one month's hard labour
each to be followed by expulsion.

MARINE COURT

STEERSMAN FINED

A fine of \$30 was imposed by
Cmdr. T. C. Stiff at the Marine
Court yesterday on Li Shing, 24,
steersman of trading junk No.
T3904H, who was charged with
having on May 20 anchored his
junk in the prohibited and
controlled area in the Tathong
Channel Minefield.

ILLEGAL TOWING

Lee Sing, coxswain of the steam
launch "Cheung Wo" was fined
\$10 when he pleaded guilty to
having towed at one time three
junks of over 1,500 piculs capacity
through the south entrance to the
Yaumati Typhoon Shelter.

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SINO-BRITISH EXPORT CREDIT AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED SOON

LONDON, May 21 (Central). — A new Sino-British export credit agreement for \$5,000,000 will shortly be signed in London, it is learned from well-informed circles.

Negotiations which have been carried on for some time between the Chinese Government represented by Dr. P. W. Kuo, Vice-Minister of Finance, and the British Government have been concluded satisfactorily.

THAILAND USED AS PURCHASING AGENT BY AXIS AND JAPANESE

LONDON, May 21 (Central). — How the Japanese-Axis trade plot in the Far East was frustrated was revealed in reports reaching London yesterday.

Japan and Germany, it is said, have been using Thailand as a purchasing agent to secure war supplies from the Netherlands East Indies apart from Thailand's own output. A special Thai trade mission was sent to Batavia with cash offering to buy oil, ships and rubber which were to be sent to Japan and Germany via Russia. The Dutch discovered the mission acting on behalf of the Axis and declined to consider the offer.

Thailand, it is known, has been supplying Japan and Germany via Russia with her tin, rubber and other commodities.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuters). — The sinking of the Royal naval auxiliary vessel Camito is announced by the Admiralty.

The new credit is good not only for purchases of materials in the Sterling area but also for covering coast services connected with purchases together with other services necessary for national purposes in China.

The terms and conditions of the agreement are said to be more favourable than those of the previous credit. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that the British Government recognises more than ever that China is fighting for the maintenance of common democratic ideals against the same forces of aggression and therefore China deserves full encouragement and material support which Britain is able to give.

For the purpose of the new agreement a committee will be formed. It will consist of three Chinese and three British members whose appointment will be agreed upon by the two governments concerned.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuters). — The House of Representatives yesterday passed and sent to the Senate a Bill giving the Maritime Commission persuasive authority to control shipping rates, cargoes and voyages in the interests of national defence.

FRANCE'S FISHERIES INDUSTRY

The fisheries industry in France has been reorganised into a corporation, the first in this country, following the successful efforts of Admiral Francois Darlan, Vice-Premier and Navy Minister.

Henceforth, any person engaged in the fishing profession or the fishing industry will automatically become a member of this corporation and will be subject to its rules and regulations. All members will share the expenses of the new organisation.

In exchange, fishermen will no longer be isolated and will once and for all come out of their proletarian state.

LOCAL BRANCHES

In every fishing harbour or group of harbours local branches of the corporation will be established for each branch of the fishing industry. Regional unions of these local branches will be formed, as will also inter-professional committees under the control of the Central Corporate Committee, which will guide and co-ordinate the action of the regional unions and supervise their activities both from the social and economic viewpoints.

The new corporate organisation will therefore be complete, consisting on the one hand of an economic administrative organism, and on the other of a group of organisations in which fisheries will be represented.

The Navy Minister will be represented by a Government Commissioner in these various organisms. The Commissioner will act as an adviser and will enhance the spirit of national revolution in all discussions.

FUKIEN PROVINCIAL BANK EXPANDS

Despite the progress of the war, the Provincial Bank of Fukien has been expanding rapidly its scope of business, organisation and personnel, according to statistics for the past four years published by the Bank recently.

The business transacted last year reached the total of \$3,309,222,589.02 (Chinese currency) representing an eight-fold increase over the figure of \$1,019,954.22 for 1937. The figures for 1938 and 1939 were \$1,501,484,852.53 and \$3,931,472,123.38 respectively.

The Bank now has 94 branches, offices and agencies, of which 85 are scattered in various parts of Fukien, six located in the business centers of neighbouring provinces, one in Chungking, and two in the South Seas regions. In 1937 there were only 20 units which were increased to 33 in 1938 and 58 in 1939.

Owing to the expansion of business there has also been an increase in personnel. At the end of 1940, the number of employees reached 918, representing an 80% increase over the figure of 583 for 1937. The number of persons for 1938 was 659 while the figure for 1939 totalled 836. (Central News)

MENZIES RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA

MELEBOURNE, May 21 (Reuters). — The Federal War Cabinet has cleared up outstanding business in preparation for the return of the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, from North America at the weekend.

Mr. Menzies will broadcast a message to the nation immediately on arrival.

Mr. A. W. Fadden, the Acting Prime Minister, will hand over to Mr. Menzies officially on May 28.

ADMINISTRATOR OF ST. VINCENT

LONDON, May 21 (British Wireless). — Lt. Col. A. Ebeater, Colonial Secretary in Gibraltar, has been appointed Administrator of St. Vincent, Windward Islands, in succession to Major W. Bain Gray whose appointment as Governor of St. Helena was announced recently.

PUPPET OFFICIAL ASSASSINATED

KIAN, May 21 (Central). — Tsoo Chih-lan, chairman of the so-called peace maintenance committee at Hukow at the mouth of Po-yang Lake in north Kiangsi, 17 miles east of Kiu-kiang, was assassinated on April 16 by his subordinates in his own residence.

VAST FORD PLANT TO PRODUCE PLANE MOTORS

DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, May 11. — MR. HENRY FORD'S mammoth River Rouge Plant is the heart of an industrial empire that stretches around the world, a unit so vast that coke, iron ore, raw rubber and sand arrive at one end and emerge as automobile and blitz buggies for the army. Eventually, too, there will be aeroplane engines for defence.

The plant is as integrated and self-sufficient as a city. It has its own water and power supply. It sprawls over 1,300 acres of prairie which Ford purchased when his far-flung industrial kingdom was little more than a dream.

90,000 WORKERS

It has more than a hundred miles of railroad tracks within the plant area, 20 locomotives and a thousand cars of rolling stock. In peak times 90,000 men go to work each day. Their labour requires 700,000,000 gallons of water a day — as much as Detroit, Cincinnati and Washington consume combined. 4,500 tons of coal a day and as much gas as the entire city of Detroit.

When Ford began building along the tiny River Rouge it was little more than a stream. Today ocean-going freighters come to the open mouths of the furnaces into which they empty the raw materials which, with speed characteristic of the industrial era Ford symbolises, are transformed into finished products.

A fleet of 29 vessels, with the Henry Ford II as flagship, serve the plant from ports throughout the world. The plant has its own police force — as efficient in some respects as the best law-enforcement agency in the country — three turbo-generators of 110,000 kilowatts each, 125 miles of conveyors, and 5,000 men whose sole job it is to keep the plant clean.

FORD EFFICIENCY

Typical of Ford efficiency within the Rouge Plant is the use of what ordinarily would be waste steam. At the Rouge it isn't wasted — it is piped into discarded railroad boilers, compressed, and used again. Although thousands of tons of coal pour into the furnaces each day, there is only one scoop shovel within the Rouge Plant. It is a chromioluminated one, preserved as a relic of bygone days.

Luxurious super-highways and countless street cars and bus lines serve the plant. During normal operations so many men are employed on each shift that a change of shifts must be staggered over two hours.

One of the principal thoroughfares bordering the eastern rim of the plant is Miller Road. Along its northern fringe is a parking lot for thousands of worker's automobiles. Then for more than a quarter of a mile the road abuts against a two-story Red-Brick outwall of the plant proper. At the southern end of this portion of the plant, along Miller Road, are coke ovens and blast furnaces.

"BATTLE OF THE OVERPASS"

Most of the principal union altercations have been at the Miller Rd. entrances. At the three major Miller Rd. gates a majority of the workers enter and leave the plant daily. Large overpasses extend from the plant itself to parking lots and street cars and busses across the road so that workers need not walk across the road itself.

It was at the gate 4 bridge where the now-famous "Battle of the Overpass" occurred in 1937 when several unionists, including Richard Frankenstein and Walter Reuther, both now high UAW-CIO executives, were beaten severely. Litigation resulting from the battle was carried to the Supreme Court. It was along the Miller Road entrances that the most effective picketing occurred recently, and at which most of the fighting broke out.

ULTIMATE GOAL

Ford's ultimate goal has been to make his Rouge Plant completely self-sustaining. At present it is so more than any other comparable industrial unit. He makes glass and manufacturers rubber into tires, his blast furnaces emit 47 different types of steel, and in all there are 250 separate departments within the Rouge System.

Across the keystone of Ford's fireplace in his spacious home not far from the Rouge Plant is the inscription "Cut your own wood and it will warm you twice." This is the theory that has motivated development of his Rouge Plant, first to benefit by manufacture of the materials he needs, and then to profit by converting these materials into the finished product.

F.D.R. TO MAKE STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuters). — President Roosevelt is expected to make a statement of "some gravity" to the nation this week. A message from London states decisive step.

P.A.A. SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Charles L. Schafer
In Colony

An arrival by Clipper on Tuesday was Mr. Charles L. Schafer, who is the new Pan-American Airways Sales Representative for China, taking the place of Mr. Owen Johnson, who has been transferred to Singapore as P.A.A. representative there.

It is anticipated the first P.A.A. clipper from San Francisco to Singapore will leave for the Orient on May 21, leaving Manila for Singapore on May 23, and Mr. Johnson has left for Singapore to await the arrival of this first Clipper on the new service.

The flight from Manila to Singapore takes about 10 1/2 hours, and with the institution of the new service there will be a weekly Clipper service between Manila and San Francisco, and a bi-weekly service from Hongkong and Singapore to Manila.

STANFORD CLASS

Mr. Schafer joined Pan-American Airways about three years ago after a short period of service with Chrysler Motor Company. He was in the Stanford class of 1938, and was for a time special representative for Stanford alumni in New York.

"Previous to coming out here, which will be his first foreign post with Pan-American, Mr. Schafer was in charge of publicity and exhibits for P.A.A. at the Golden Gate International Exposition at Treasure Island.

NASSAU, May 21 (Reuters). — The Dictator of the Dominican Republic, Rafael Trujillo, arrived here from New York yesterday. He is to meet the Governor, the Duke of Windsor, and the Duchess at Government House.

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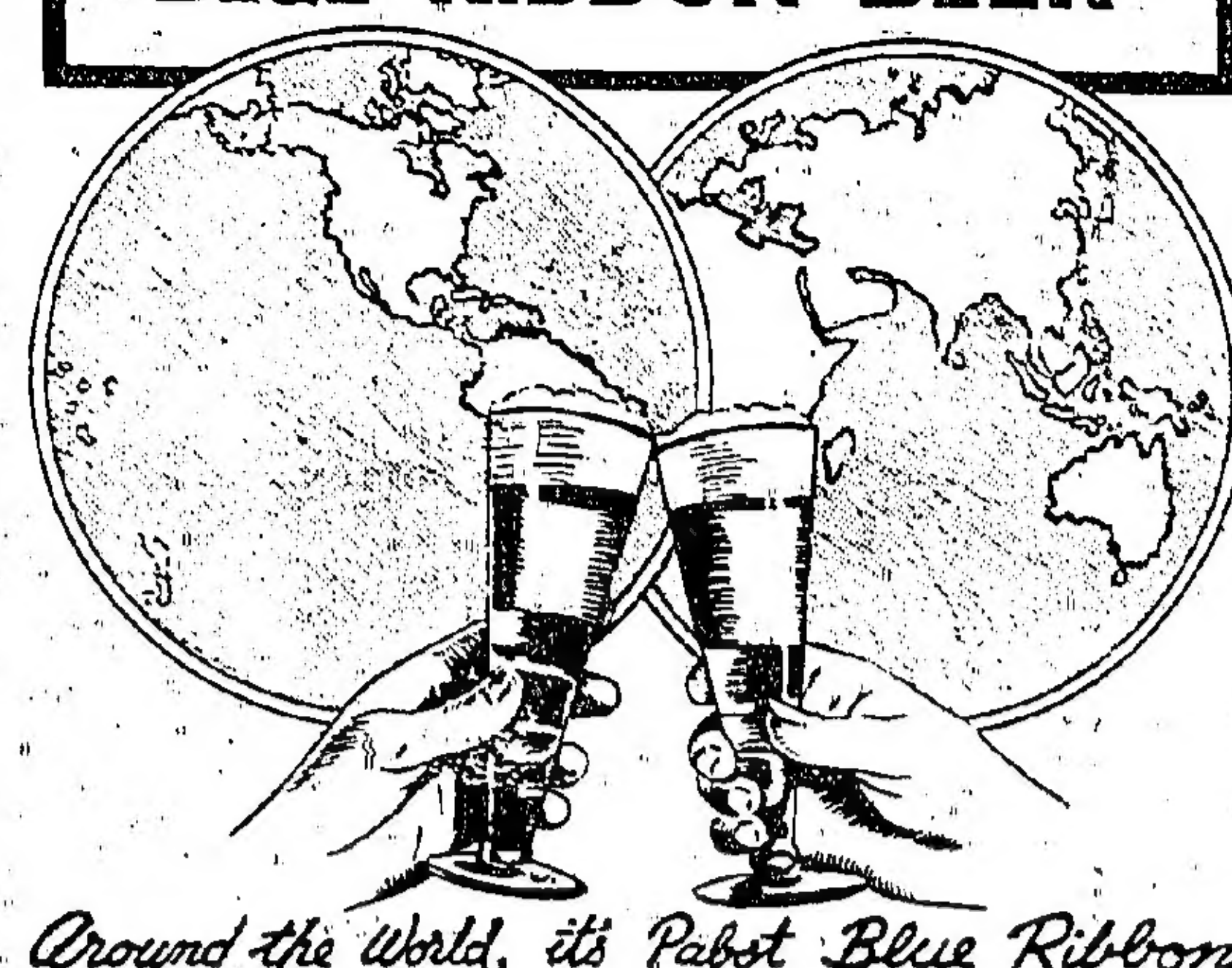
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that the Polish Premier, Gen. Sikorski, who has returned from the United States, said: "The United States is about to take a decisive step."

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"DOBBIE" APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF MALTA

LONDON, May 21 (Reuters). — Major-General Sir William George Shedd Dobbie, known as the modern "Gordon" owing to his religious fervour, has, the Colonial Office announced, been appointed Governor of Malta.

Sir William has been administering the Government of Malta since he assumed command of the troops in April 1940, with the exception of a short period in May 1940 immediately before General Sir Charles Bonham-Carter left the Colony.

Iraq Rescue Drama

LONDON, May 21 (British Wireless). — During operations in Iraq a naval aircraft which had been damaged while taking part in an attack on the barracks at Samawa had to make a forced landing three miles south of the town and was quickly surrounded by members of Raschid Ali's forces who opened fire.

Other naval aircraft which had observed this incident promptly landed and rescued the crew without casualty in the face of armed opposition and once more took to the air.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE				SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
WEDNESDAY 21 MAY.							
Banks							
...	...	\$1310	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1310	...
...	...	276 1/2	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	276 1/2	...
...	...	274	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	274	...
...	...	284	Chartered Bks.	...	...	284	...
...	...	233 1/2	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	233 1/2	...
...	...	211 1/2	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	211 1/2	...
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	...
...	N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	...	...
Insurance							
...	...	\$220	Canton Insurance	...	...	\$220	...
...	...	\$405	Union Insurance	...	...	\$405	...
...	...	\$1	Underwriters	...	...	75 cts	...
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	...	...
Shipping							
...	...	\$128	Douglas	...	...	\$117 1/2	...
...	Steamships	...	...	...	...
...	Indo-China	...	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...	...
...	Shells	...	...	...	...
...	Waterfronts	...	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.							
...	H.K. & S. Wharves	...	...	...	...
...	Godowns	...	...	...	...
...	Providence	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...
Mining							
...	...	12/6	Kailash	...	...	12/6	...
...	Rauhe	...	...	...	...
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	...
Lands, Hotels and Buildings							
...	...	\$2.55	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	\$2.55	...
...	...	\$31	H.K. Lands	...	...	\$31	...
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	...	...
...	Humphreys	...	...	...	...
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
Cotton Mills							
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Shai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Zong Sings (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...	...
Public Utilities							
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...	...
...	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Star Ferries	...	...	...	...
...	Y-mat Ferries	...	...	...	...
...	China Lights (O.)	...	...	...	...
...	China Lights (N.)	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (Rts)	...	...	...	...
...	Macau Electric	...	...	...	...
...	Macau Electric	...	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...	...
Industrials							
...	Cald, Macg. (Ord.) S	...	...	...	...
...	Cald, Macg. (Pref.) S	...	...	...	...
...	Canton Ice	...	...	...	...
...	Cement	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Ropes	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	...
...	4% Loan	...	...	...	...
...	5 1/2% 4 (1934)	...	...	...	...
...	5 1/2% 4 (1940)	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous							
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...
...	Entertainments	...	...	...	...
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawford	...	...	...	...
...	Nanong Tobacco	...	...	...	...
...	Sincores	...	...	...	...
...	Watsons	...	...	...	...
...	Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.S. Ids	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Wing On
...	Shai Wing On
...	Vibro Piling
...	Marmans Inv. (Lon.)
...	Wm. Powells
...	Lights Rts.
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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 21, 1941.

On London:	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	445
On Singapore:	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:	
On demand	108 1/2
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3 5/8	
and demand	185 5/8
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 34 1/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 34 7/8	
On Batavia:	
On demand	45 1/4
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:	
On demand	104 1/2
On Manila:	
On demand	48 1/4
On Bangkok:	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Wednesday, May 21.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for Ready and 23 7/8 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady with no business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

Dull
STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Nothing doing. There were sellers at 24 1/2 for near and forward, buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.
SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 453 with business done subsequently at 454 1/4. The market closed with probable sellers at 454 1/2, buyers at 455.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling opened with sellers at 3 5/8 and closed with sellers at 3 19/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 13/32 and closed with sellers at 5 3/8 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 21 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-3/16	0/3-3/16
New York	5-3/16	5-3/16
Japan	22	22
India	17-5/8	17-5/8
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	21-1/8	21-1/8

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-5/16	0/3-19/64
May	0/3-5/16	0/3-19/64
June	0/3-5/16	0/3-19/64

U.S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot	55-13/32	55-13/32
May	5-13/32	5-13/32
June	5-13/32	5-13/32

Market: Quiet.

Calcutta Exchange
Calcutta, May 20 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, May 20 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 995-04-0.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER
London, May 20 (Reuter).
Silver—Small trade order was covered from production selling. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was steady with no business.

Spot, 23-1/2.
Forward, 23-7/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, May 20 (Reuter).
Market—Steady. Offer 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver
Ready 62-01
May 21 Settlement 62-09
June 20 Settlement 62-10

LONDON GOLD
London, May 20 (Reuter).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, May 20, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	13.07	12.94	12.90	.08 up
New York Rubber, July	23.70	23.35	23.35	.54 off
Chicago Wheat, July	100 1/2	99	99 1/2	1/2 off
Chicago Corn, July	74	73	73 1/2	1/2 up
New York Hides, June	15.15	14.95	14.82	.32 up

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Change
July	12.90/90	.08 up
October	13.04/05	.07 up
December	13.12/13	.07 up
January	13.12/13	.07 up
March	13.19/19	.08 up
Spot	13.31	.08 up

Total sales Monday—213,300 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Change
July (New contract)	23.89/90	.54 off
September	23.60/60	.55 off
December	23.10/10	.55 off
March	22.70b/75a	.55 off

Total sales for the day—2,370 tons.

The last trading day for May rubber is May 27.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1/2 off
September	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	1/2 off

Monday's sales—23,479,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	1/2 up
September	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	1/2 up

NEW YORK HIDES

	High	Low	Close	Change
June	14.82/82	15.14/14	15.14	.32 up
September	15.05/05	15.30/31	15.30	.25 up

Total sales for the day—191 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA

	High	Low	Close	Change
September	7.83 N	7.78 N	7.78	.05 off

The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	2.42b/44a	2.45b/46a	2.45	.03 up
September	2.46b/47a	2.49b/50a	2.49	.03 up

Volume of business done—149 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	.84b/.85a	.83b/.84a	.84	.00 1/2 off

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	11.75b/95a	11.75b/95a	11.75	unch.

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

	High	Low	Close	Change
July	10.80b/83a	10.81b/82a	10.81	.01 up

NEW YORK LARD

	High	Low	Close	Change
September	10.07/07	10.15b	10.15	.08 up

NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

	High	Low	Close	Change
September	7.08/08	7.07b/09a	7.07	.01 off

The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.

N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4	34-3/4
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/4	4.03-1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, May 20.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1923)	103-5/16
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
Jantion-Kloon Rly. 5%	9
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	39
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	38
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan 1908	40
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	20 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	28 1/2
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	7-9
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	48
Honan Rly. 5%	12
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	13
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	11
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	9
S'hai-N'King Rly. 3%	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	21-23 1/2
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	5
Chartered Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	74
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	76 1/2
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	12/6
Chosen Corporation	4/-
Mercantile Bank of India, 2 1/2% "G"	11 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	1/-
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	18 1/2
S'hai Waterworks "A"	15

H.K. Stock Exchange

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, 7 1/2.
Indo-China (Pref.), 380.
Realities, 27.70.
Lights (O), 55.70.
Ropes, 56.60.
Entertainments, 56.25.

SELLERS

Providents, 55.15.
Lane Crawfords, 72.25.
SALES
Union Ins., 4405.
Providents, 55.10.
Lands, 53 1/2.
Macao Electric, 118.50.
Cements, 113.50.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Wednesday, May 21, 1941.

H.K. Lands 87 31.00
The total value is \$2,697.00.

RUBBER QUOTA

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The International Rubber Regulation Committee has fixed the quota for the third quarter at 100 per cent. unchanged.

Union Insurance	22
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15/-
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	12 1/2
Great Western Rly.	33 1/2
National Bank of India	31 1/2
B-A. Tob (bearer)	83/8
Dunlop Rubber	32/6
Bristol Aeroplane	9/10 1/2
Imperial Chemical Ind.	30/9
United Steel	22/10 1/2
Woolworths	48/3
Marmar Investments	6/3
Western Holdings	11/-
Sub-Nigel	143/9
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	40/7 1/2
bid	40 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MAY 21, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	May 20	Kennecott Copper	May 20
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	29 1/2
Allis Chalmers	26	Lockheed Aircraft	22
Amer. Can.	79 1/2	Loew's, Inc.	28 1/2
American Cyanamid B	36 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	26 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	18 1/2	Montgomery Ward	32 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	18 1/2	National Aviation	7 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	12 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	National Distillers	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	13 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2	National Supply Corp.	13 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	40 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	149 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	149 1/2	N. American Aviation	13 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	4	North American Co.	12 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Anaconda Copper	26 1/2	Packard Motors	13 1/2
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	28 1/2	Paramount Pictures	13 1/2
Aviation Corp.	13 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	29 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	13 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	13 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	13 1/2	Pullman Inc.	13 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	7 1/2	Pure Oil	9 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	3 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	7 1/2	Reading Company, Com	14 1/2
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	13	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Borg-Warner	17	Republic Steel	18 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	19 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	29 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Schenley Distillers	13 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	30 1/2	Shell Union Oil	15
Celanese	20 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	35	Southern Pacific	11 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	56 1/2	Southern Rly \$5 pf.	13 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	24	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	28 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	13 1/2	Standard Brands	13 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	13 1/2	Stand Oil & Elec.	13 1/2
Consolidated Edison	17 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	37 1/2
Consolidated Oil	13 1/2	Studebaker Com.	4 1/2
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Swift International	8 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	68 1/2	Texas Corp.	40 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	143 1/2	Trans-America Co.	13 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	7 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	13 1/2
Elec. Autolite	26 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	13 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	Union Pacific	80 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	59 1/2	United Aircraft	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	59 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	13 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	13 1/2	United Corp.	13 1/2
Flintkote	13 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	13 1/2
Gen. Electric	29 1/2	United Gas Improvement	13 1/2
Gen. Motors	38 1/2	U.S. Rubber	21 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	13 1/2	U.S. Steel	54
Gen. Tire & Rubber	13 1/2	Vanadium	24
Goodrich (B.F.)	17	Vultee Aircraft	5 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17	Walworth Co.	44
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	90
Great Northern Rly. pf.	26	Westinghouse Elec.	28 1/2
Great Western Sugar	24 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	29 1/2
Int. Nickel	24 1/2	Chase National Bank	25 1/2
Int. Paper & Power	24 1/2	National City Bank	25 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	24 1/2	Libby, McNeill & Libby	13 1/2
Johnsman	24 1/2		

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1940/41	May 19, 1941	May 21, 1941	Change
High	162.50	162.50	1.50 up
Low	111.84	111.84	.43 up
Industrials	32.67	32.67	.43 up
Rails	32.67	32.67	.43 up
Utilities	28.45	28.45	.01 up
Bonds	92.19	92.19	.08 up
Commodity Index	69.76	69.76	.04 off

Business Done—470,000 shares

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—In the Stock Exchange yesterday, the turnover was moderate and industrialists encountered selective buying for investment with further enquiry in textile preference issues.

Shipping continued the upward trend, chief interest being centred on Indo-China. Deferred which advanced from 95s. to 102s. 6d.

Glit-edged showed fractional losses. Foreign bonds were mainly firm. Japanese bonds attracted more attention and also certain

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter).
Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle
Price, 2287-5/8.
Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle
Price, 2286-5/8.

Market quiet and depressed in anticipation of continued curtailment of exports to the United States. After hours—5 tons at unchanged prices.

Argentine issues. Kamirs were firm.
Wall Street was lethargic.

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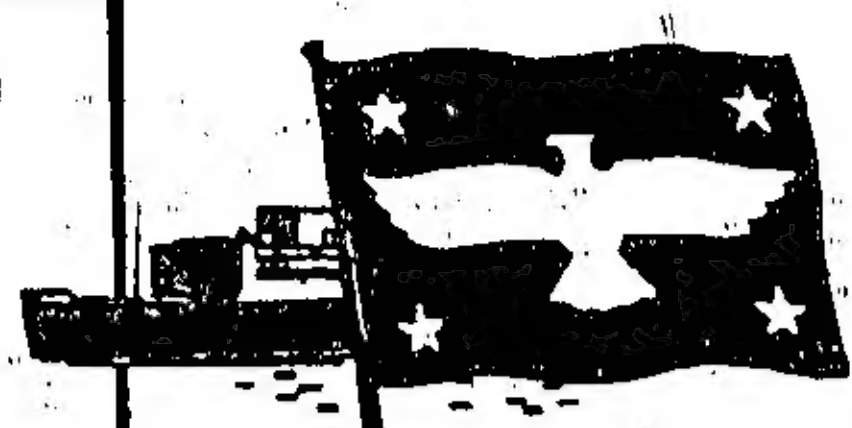
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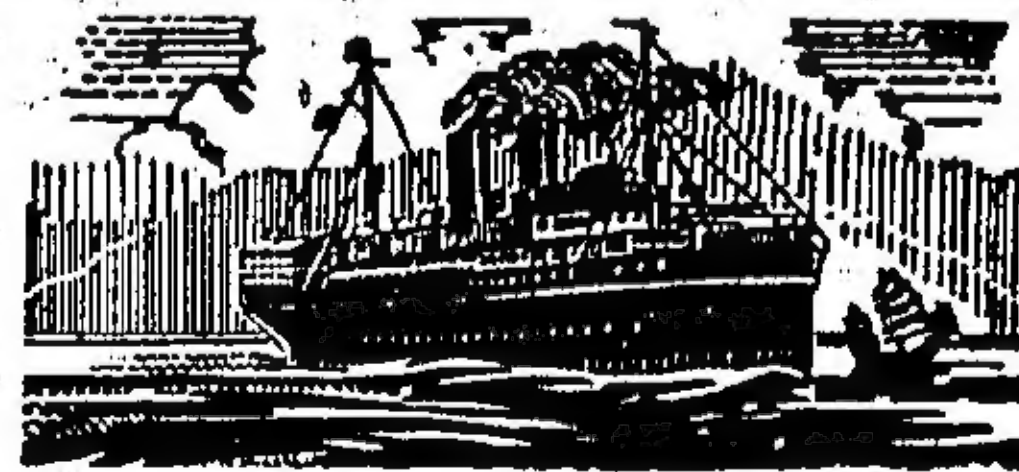
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ENEMY SHIPPING If In Singapore—Why Not HARASSED In Hongkong?: Suggested Salvage Of Scrap

Heavy Toll Taken By R.A.F. & Royal Navy

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter) — In widespread attacks on enemy shipping during the week ending May 19, units of the British Navy and R.A.F. have sunk at least eight supply ships totalling 40,500 tons.

In addition, during a highly successful attack by the Fleet Air Arm on an enemy convoy in the Mediterranean, a merchant ship of 8,000 tons blew up with a violent explosion, an enemy destroyer was hit and clouds of smoke were seen pouring from it.

AMERICAN BOMBERS

Aircraft manufactured in the United States have been used as bombers in the North African campaign for the first time.

They participated in an air bombardment of an enemy position round Fort Capuzzo on the afternoon of May 18. It is revealed by the Air Ministry news service.

Heavy bombs were dropped on German tanks and mechanised vehicles dispersed near the old Capuzzo aerodrome.

The squadron in question has an American citizen on its nominal roll. He is a Sergeant, air-gunner who received the Distinguished Flying Medal for gallantry in the Abyssinian campaign.

NAZIS & SINKING OF ZAMZAM

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter) — Reports reaching London say that the Germans are now circulating reports that the Zamzam was sunk by a mine. It is pointed out, however, that if she went down in the deep waters of the South Atlantic it is extremely unlikely that mines would have been encountered there. In any case, if she did strike a floating mine or one that had broken adrift, how did the Germans know about it?

On the other hand, this part of the Atlantic is known to be frequented by German pirates and her sinking by torpedo is much more likely.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 22 to 26 May 1941.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Hong Kong Standard Time	Days of Week	Hong Kong Standard Time
Thu. 22	h. m. 07 27	h. m. 00 23	24
Fri. 23	07 27	00 23	24
Sat. 24	08 33	01 37	28
Sun. 25	08 36	01 37	28
Mon. 26	08 36	01 37	28
Tues. 27	08 36	01 37	28
Wed. 28	08 36	01 37	28

Following the example set by the British Government at Home, Singapore inaugurated a "DON'T WASTE IT—SAVE IT" campaign, which proved so popular that the experimental week was extended to ten days at the end of which it was decided to make the collection of scrap in that Colony permanent for the duration of the war.

According to the proprietor of an old-established marine-hawkers store, the scrap business in Hongkong is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly, while the value of the "junk" thrown away—such as tin-cans, scrap paper and miscellaneous articles—must run into, at least, another hundred-thousand dollars a year.

"SALVAGE WEEK" Why not start a Salvage Week in Hongkong? If Government will take the lead—and, unless it does so, the campaign cannot be started as the project is much too large for private enterprise—it will find the public response greater than that shown during the "Offer Gold" campaign of 1938.

In every household—from the Peak to the slums—there are a hundred-and-one things which are usually left lying around but for which no use could be found. These articles are kept for different reasons, many of them merely sentimental. In this category will be found silver cups and medals won at various times, silver photo frames, and various iron or brass knickknacks which the owner "picked up somewhere" some time or the other.

The things that are kept "to be thrown away some day" are too numerous to mention in a short article like this.

GOVT. LEAD WANTED

The enthusiasm and the materials are here and the only thing missing is Government's lead in a drive that will bring in not an inconsiderable sum towards the Colony's war funds.

The Government of the Straits Settlements, planned to distribute tens of thousands of little pamphlets, entitled "Salvage Hints to Householders—DON'T WASTE IT. SAVE IT" with translations in Chinese, Arabic and Tamil. These pamphlets state:

"To win the war as quickly as possible, every individual member of the community must do everything he can. Every day in every home, some article is thrown aside to find its way to the dust bin or bonfire.

"But from now on remember that at least half of your so-called waste can, and will, be used—if you co-operate in a dozen useful ways."

COLLECTING CENTRES

The establishment of a number of "COLLECTING CENTRES" is an essential prelude to the commencement of the campaign. When these have been formed, pamphlets in English, Chinese and Hindustani will have to be printed and distributed—preferably by the coolies of the Urban Council—to all householders.

To lessen the work of the authorities, it will have to be pointed out in the pamphlets that scrap to be dumped should be as clean as possible and roughly sorted out.

Clubs, associations, industrial plants and other institutions might be encouraged to form their own "COLLECTING DEPOTS" with the Government officials calling around for the collections periodically.

SINGAPORE SUCCESS

The potentialities of scrap as revenue for war funds might be gleaned by the amazing success of the Singapore campaign which collected during the ten days "practically everything, right from a real revolver to silver cups won at one of the Colony's dance halls, and almost unspoil large incense burners to a typewriter, can be found in the storerooms.

"Altogether about 1,200 pieces of aluminium ware, a large number of silver ware, pewter ornaments, clocks, cameras, gramophones, binoculars, machinery, tyres, and, of course, tins and papers, have been dumped by the public.

"The weight of the scrap paper sent in, including a number of account books, is estimated to be well over 60 tons, while the number of tyres is believed to be about 700."

If Singapore could be made salvage conscious, why can't Hongkong? The public of this Crown Colony is as patriotic as that of Singapore, or any other part of the British Empire. It only needs the lead which Government, in duty bound, should give!

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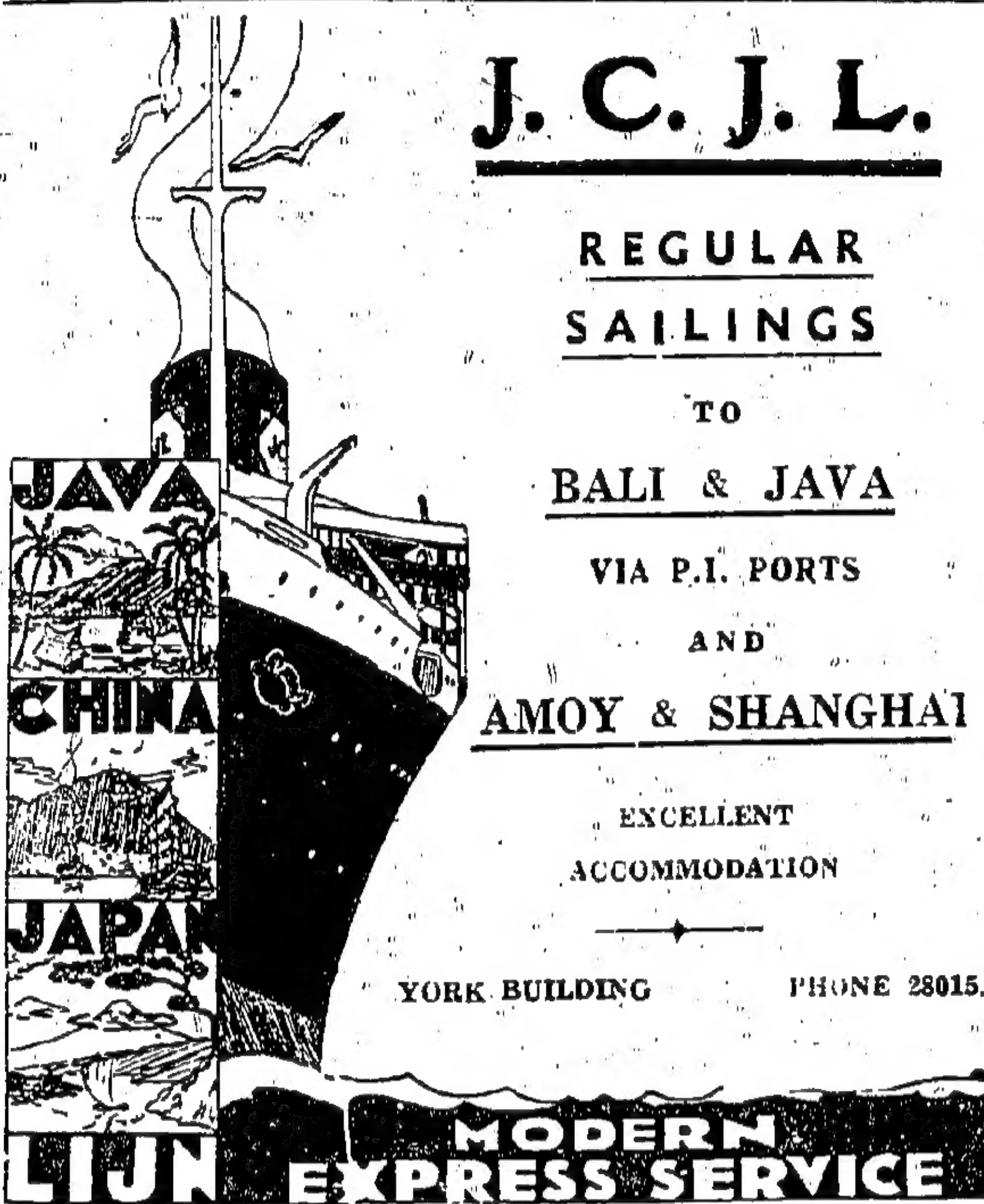
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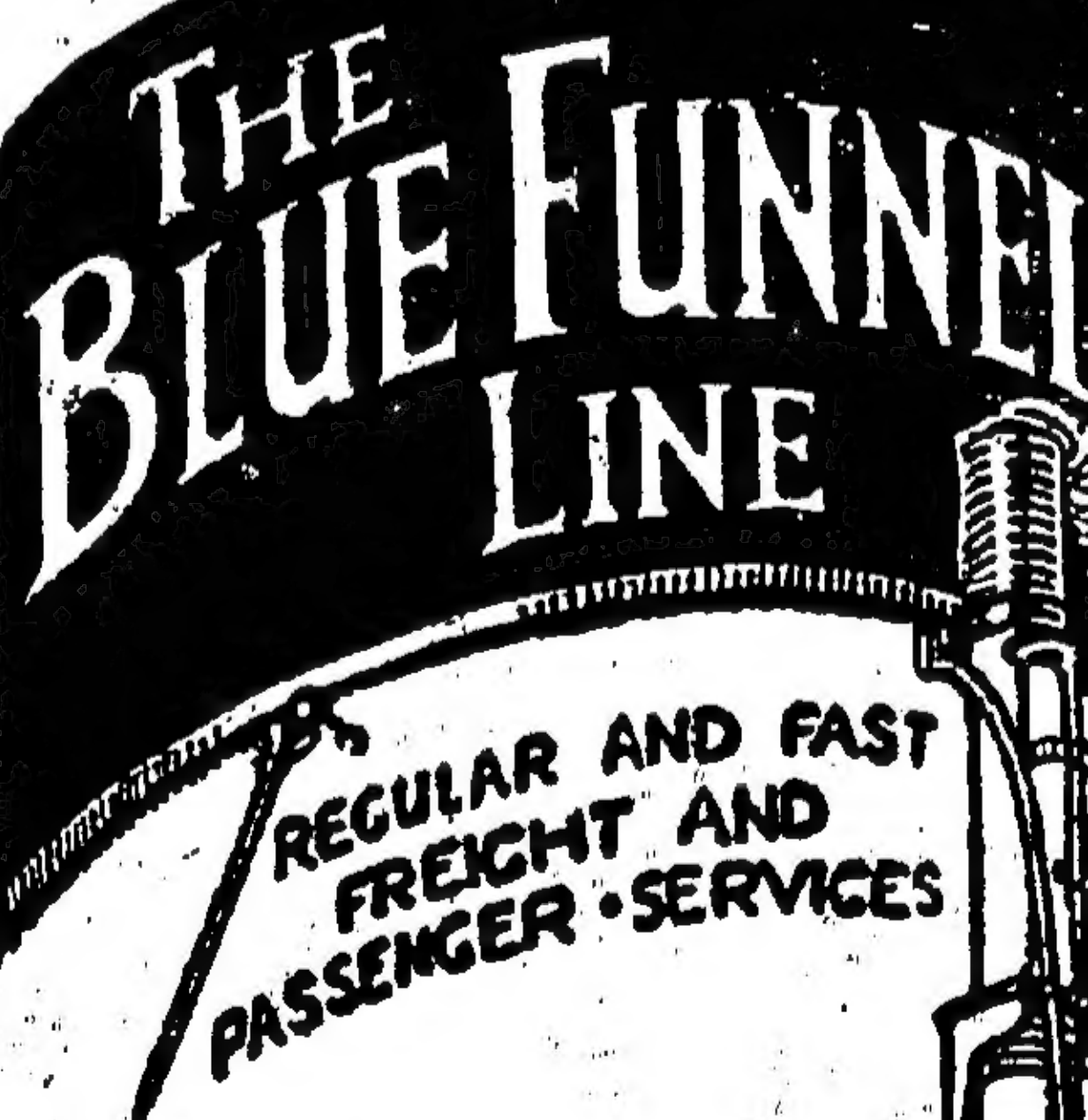


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PRISON AND CANE FOR YOUNG MAN

Stated by the prosecution to be one of three men taking part in an assault on an accountant with intent to rob him, KWONG KI, 20, was sent to prison for 18 months with hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice Gressall at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when he was found guilty on the charge by a jury comprising of Messrs. P. N. A. Jensen (Foreman), T. van Tong, Li Koon-pak, Y. J. Garcia, Fung Shin-chung, Ivon Kong and Leung Haw-kwong.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that about 9 p.m. on Apr. 19, Ngo Gee-wo, accountant of the Chinese Telegraph Company, was returning to his home, No. 138 Portland Street, second floor. As he was going up the stairs he was seized by two men while a third threatened him with a knife.

Mr. Murphy said that the type of robbery on a staircase, especially at night, was becoming very frequent in the Colony.

When charged "accused" in a statement, denied he had anything to do with the matter.

In evidence yesterday, accused stated he went to look for a friend that night.

Accused called So Hau, a seaman, to give evidence. So stated he did not know whether accused went to look for him as he was not in Hongkong on Apr. 19.

A.R.P. ORDERS

MAY, 1941.

A.R.P. Orders by Wing Commander A.H.S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

STRENGTH DECREASE

The following Warden have been permitted to resign:—Yau-mat—1385 Miss Ng Hon-king, 2753 Yin Hung-fung, Upper Levels—2404 Ip Kay, 621 Miss Wan Wai-ching, 1649 Miss Sin Ching-yu, Western—1335 Tse Yiu-kwan, 1078 Chak Kim-hung, 3502 Mrs. Yu Kwok-ying, Shamshuipo—3107 Mrs. Chiu Mei-sim.

The following Warden have been struck off the strength:—Western—2880 Cheng Man-kin, Kowloon City—3140 Lam Kiu-fai.

The undermentioned being members of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade are struck off the strength of the Corps—393 Ho Moon-fai (T. Land), 1427 Deputy S/W Chiu Shun-chum (A).

REVERSION

Shamshuipo—Acting Group Warden 1892 Miss Yau Kwan-fung reverts to the rank of Senior Warden at her own request.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Kowloon City—2040 Eason Chen (B.V.) to 41 Hau Wong Rd., ground floor. Shamshuipo—2240 Miss Tsang Chi-kin (Y.) to 420 Portland St., 1st floor, S/W 1742 Lee Shu-ming (M.K.) to 128 Lai Chi Kok Rd., 1st floor. 814 Chan Yuk-woo to 121 Nanchang St., 2nd floor. Eastern—578 Shek Siu-kwong (U.L.) to 36 Sau Wah-fong, 2nd floor, 1027 Lee Kung-yung and 1034 Tong Wah-yap (W.) to 1 Queen's Rd. East, 2nd floor. Upper Levels—Deputy District Warden Au Yan to 4 Wing Wah Terrace, ground floor. Western—G/W 2202 Tse Chun-hing (Y.) to 10 Des Voeux Road West.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Quarry Bay—1230 Miss Lau Ching-chee and 1294 Cheung Tin-fook granted 1 month's sick leave as from May 20. Gough Hill—1503 B. G. Birch granted 4 months' leave as from May 20. Shamshuipo—2040 Ip Yiu-fung granted 4 weeks' leave as from May 8.

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are notified with effect from May 20:—Mongkok—Senior Wardens—1773 Dep. S/W Wong Siu-chun, 1747 Dep. S/W Miss Yung Ping-sheung, 1774 Wong Tak, Deputy Senior Wardens—1765 Chan Mark-shan, 2583 Ng Cheuk-ye, 1722 Ho Yuk-lin (Miss), 2584 Cheung Kwok-wah. Shamshuipo—Acting Group Warden 2022 S/W Li Wing-hon, Deputy Group Warden—1928 S/W Yu Pook-sheung, Acting Senior Wardens—1895 Dep. S/W Chan Yiu-chung, 3120 Miss Wong Yin-kwan, Senior Warden—3544 Lau Mei-sang, Deputy Senior Wardens—2412 Chan Ho Ming, 2756 Chan Kook-chiu, 3128 So Hung, 3655 Chu Yin-kwan, 3656 Chung Man-shek, 3744 Lung Shing-lin, 3745 Ng Yat-lu, 3032 Tong Tung-ching, 3034 Tong Ying-lui, 3415 Kung Yick.

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

Wardens Class (E. 49) in English. A.R.P. School and Headquarters, Happy Valley, Mondays and Thursdays at 5.45 p.m. on Thursday, June 6. Lecturer: F. R. Hiden, A.R.P.S.

Wardens Classes in Chinese (Syllabus "A")

C239 Ching Kwong School, Ching Fung Street, Causeway Bay, Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. commencing on May 22. Lecturer:—Mr. P. Chak, L.A.R.P.S. C340 Talkoo Sugar Re-

DECREASE IN COLONY'S TOTAL VISIBLE TRADE IN APRIL

According to an official report released for publication by the SUPERINTENDENT OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of April, 1941, totalled \$118.3 millions (£7.3 millions) as compared with \$139.9 millions (£8.1 millions) in April, 1940.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony decreased by 9.6 per cent. in April, 1941 as compared with April, 1940; and by 9.9 per cent. in terms of sterling.

Imports of merchandise in April, 1941, totalled \$65.9 millions (£4.1 millions) as compared with \$72.1 millions (£4.5 millions) in April, 1940, and exports \$52.4 millions (£3.3 millions) as compared with \$58.7 millions (£3.6 millions).

Imports of merchandise in April, 1941 decreased by 8.6 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 8.9 per cent. in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise in April, 1941 decreased by 10.7 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 8.3 per cent. in terms of sterling.

During the first four months of 1941 imports of merchandise totalled \$249.7 millions (£15.5 millions) as compared with \$270.4 millions (£16.7 millions) in the corresponding period of 1940; and exports \$193.6 millions (£12.0 mil-

lions) as compared with \$210.6 millions (£13.0 millions).

Imports of merchandise decreased by 7.7 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 7.2 per cent. in terms of sterling; exports decreased by 8.2 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 7.7 per cent. in terms of sterling.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

The following table shows comparative imports and exports of merchandise during each of the four months of 1941 as compared with the corresponding months of 1940 and 1939, in \$'s and £'s sterling (in millions):—

	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	1939	1940	1941	1939	1940	1941
Jan.	\$40.7	\$9.7	\$6.1	\$40.2	\$1.9	\$2.9
	\$2.5	4.3	3.7	\$2.5	3.3	3.3
Feb.	\$36.8	\$3.0	\$5.3	\$36.5	\$2.2	\$3.0
	\$2.3	3.3	3.4	\$2.3	2.6	2.4
Mar.	\$48.0	\$7.7	\$8.5	\$43.9	\$8.0	\$0.3
	\$3.0	4.7	4.2	\$2.7	3.0	3.1
Apr.	\$57.1	\$2.1	\$5.9	\$49.6	\$2.7	\$2.4
	\$3.5	4.5	4.1	\$3.0	3.6	3.3

KING THANKS NYASALAND

LONDON, May 21 (BWS)—The King sent the following message to the Nyasaland Legislative Council, through the Secretary of State, for Colonies:

"I learnt with deep appreciation of the resolution of loyalty and devotion passed by the Legislative Council on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the proclamation, whereby territories now comprising Nyasaland were formally brought under the protection of Great Britain."

"I am fortified by the knowledge that the people of Nyasaland, in common with all the people throughout the British Commonwealth of Nations, are united in their determination to ensure the triumph of the cause for which we have taken up arms and I look forward with confidence to the victory which we shall share with you."

Army School, Quarry Bay, Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. commencing on May 26. Lecturer:—Mr. Lam Kwok-tsoi, L.A.R.P.S. C341 Klu Man School, 133 Main St., Apichau, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. commencing on May 27. Lecturer:—Mr. Ip Wan-tung, L.A.R.P.S.

COMPETITION

District "A" Shamshuipo, Inter-group Competition for Efficiency Cup presented by General Chang Yan will be held on Sunday, May 25, commencing at 9.00 hours. All posts will be manned at 8.45 hours. Dress:—Uniform, steel helmet and respirator. Report Centre Staff will parade as ordered.

DISTRICT EXERCISES

Shamshuipo Districts "C" and "D" exercises will be held on Sunday, May 25, commencing at 14.30 hours. Dress:—Uniform, steel helmet and respirator. Report Centre Staff will parade as ordered.

STRENGTH INCREASE

The following qualified as Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—Aberdeen—3966 Chau Yung-fai, 3967 Cheuk Shing-tsoi, 3968 Fung Lam, 3969 Im Man-chou, 3970 Ng Yiu-fai, Central—3932 Chu Kai-fat, 3933 Fung Shu-ki, 316 Ip Wing-shiu, 3890 Lau Kwok-wah, 338 Yu Mo, Eastern—796 Chan Kong-min, 833 Chan Kwai-hang, 1479 Lau Hung-kwong, 3848 Lo Kam-wing, 1617 Yue Kam-chuen, Gough Hill—3940 W. S. Van der Star, Upper Levels—3980 Miss Chung Pui-wah, 3961 Leung Wal-chuen, 3862 Li Kam-chuen, 3984 Lo Wing-piu, Western—1192 Au Ping-chiu, 3243 Chan Chee-lun, 3720 Chan Ying-lin, 3971 Cheung Kwan, 3972 Choi Shun-shing, 3973 Kwok Tak-fong, 3974 Lai Chi-ming, 3975 Lam Siu, 3976 Lau Wing-po, 3977 Miss Leung Mei-ki, 3978 Li Luen-fong, 3979 Miss Tang Mei-ching, 3903 Wong Him-sun, 3980 Miss Wong Pui-sheung.

The following qualified as A.R.P. Telephoneists and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—Gough Hill—448 (T) Mrs. O. Campbell, Headquarters—3911 (T) Ho Wen-toh, Upper Levels—2899 (T) Miss P. Wai, 3820 (T) Ho Hung-sun.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following qualified as an A.R.P. Warden but is not available for A.R.P. Service:—785 Miss Wong Wai-yin.

WARDEN TELEPHONIST

The following qualified as a Warden:—Yau-mat—2273 (T) Mrs. C. L. Kim.

(Sgd.) B. H. PUCKLE, Deputy Director of A.R.P.

CLOTH HAWKER ROBBED

Three Men Sent To Prison

Found guilty on one of two counts on which he was arraigned before Mr. Justice Gressall at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, CHAN LUK, 20, was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

Two other men, Lau Kwong, 20, and Luk Kwat, 24, who pleaded guilty to the first charge of robbing Li Luk on Apr. 24 at Kowloon of six rolls of gauge black silk and 11 rolls of black pongee silk cloth, were each sentenced to three years' hard labour and 18 strokes of the cane.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, assisted by Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, while the jury comprised the following:—Messrs. James Young (Foreman), Lai Kwok-chiu, Young Chiu-yuen, J. C. Kuril, M. J. Gan, Chan Tye and S. V. Fong.

A second indictment was brought against Chan Luk of receiving a suit length of pongee silk cloth, knowing same to be stolen property.

APPROACHED WOMAN

Mr. Murphy said Li Muk, cloth hawker, was approached by a woman in Yau-mat and brought to Shanghai Street. He was brought up to a house and, while on the second floor, was seized by two men and threatened with a knife.

Accused stated, in evidence, that he did not take part in the robbery.

Without retiring, the jury returned a unanimous verdict of Not Guilty on the first count but found accused guilty of the receiving charge.

Accused had three previous convictions while Lau Kwong had two.

"In passing sentence on Lau and Luk, his Lordship told them that they had pleaded guilty to a very serious offence of the type which must be stopped. To Chan Luk, his Lordship said he had been convicted on a charge not quite so serious."

MRS. ROOSEVELT'S GIFT TO MME. CHIANG KAI-SHEK

NEW YORK, May 10.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, yesterday sent Madame Chiang Kai-shek, a Chinese legendary print dress which she purchased at a preview of dresses intended for sale for Chinese relief. Mrs. Roosevelt also bought two for herself.

She also wrote Madame Chiang thanking her for the welcome extended her son Captain James Roosevelt, U.S.M.C., when he passed through Chungking recently en route to Calcutta.

"I hope you will enjoy this dress, made here from material being sold for Chinese relief," Mrs. Roosevelt wrote. "You were so kind to my son and we deeply appreciate it."

"With every good wish for this good cause and to you and the Generalissimo, believe me, cordially yours, Eleanor Roosevelt," the letter concluded.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 22nd MAY, 1941.

An experimental service providing sea transit to U.S.A. and air transit from U.S.A. to Lisbon and United Kingdom has been instituted. The inclusive postage rate is H. K. \$2.00 per 1 oz. for letters and H. K. \$1.00 each for postcards. Correspondence for this service should bear the usual blue air mail label with the superscription "By sea to U.S.A."

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan
Szechuen
Kweichow
Hunan
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)
Kwangsi
North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th May.	3rd June
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th June.	17th June

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
FRIDAY	Fri. 23rd K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".	
TUESDAY	Tue 3rd June K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".	
TUESDAY	Tue 17th June K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service".	

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